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Yikes!! The battle for student council president has torn the princesses apart! Transfer student Mitaka makes his challenge against Akira Sakamoto-sama, and rallies support from the students – including Mikoto! But die-hard Akira supporters, Tohru and Shihoudani, are determined to use their princess powers to help save the day! The school year is coming to a close, and the princess trio need to kiss and make up in time to plan their big farewell show. Will there be a dry eye left in the house when our princesses perform together for the last time...?

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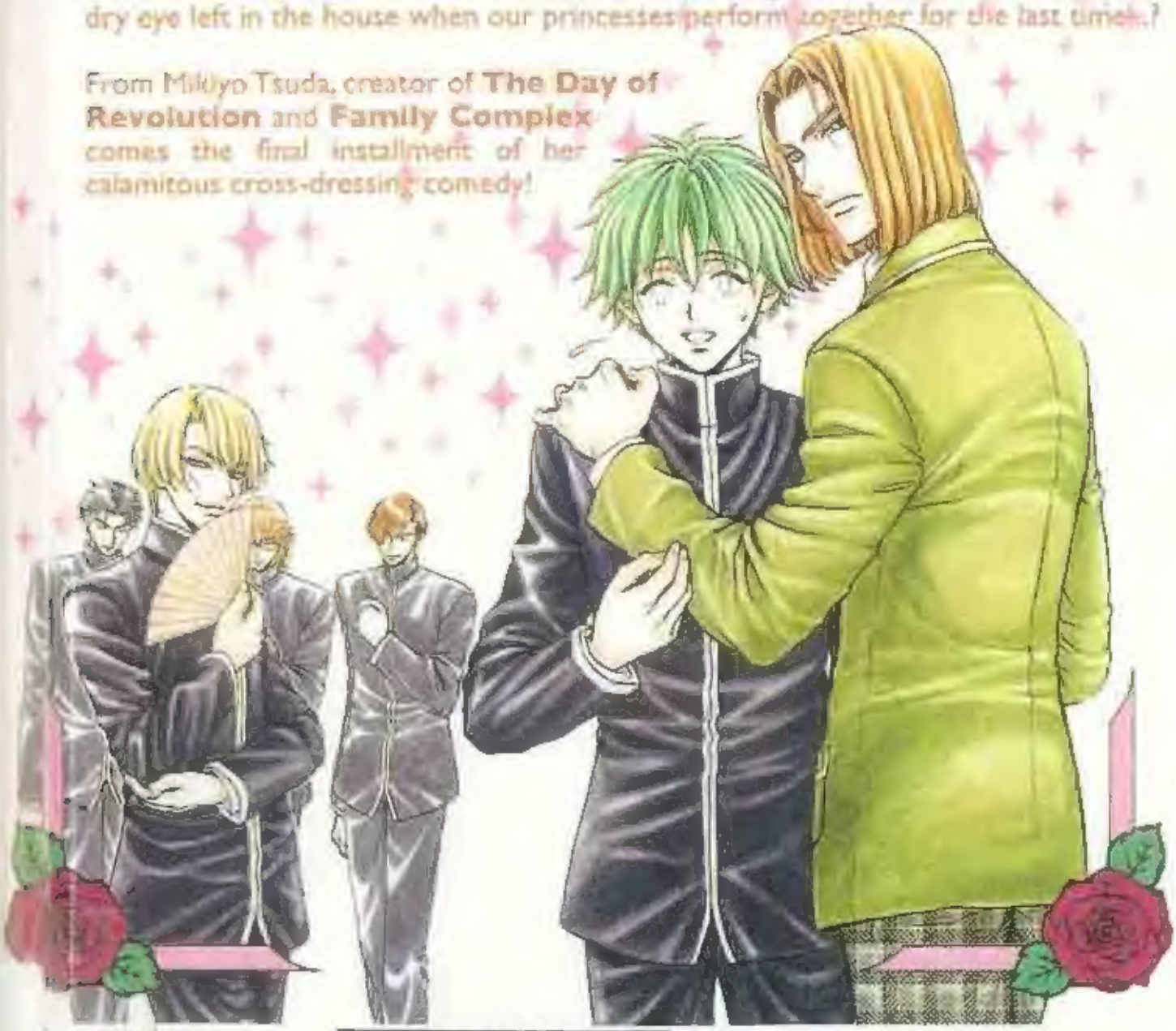

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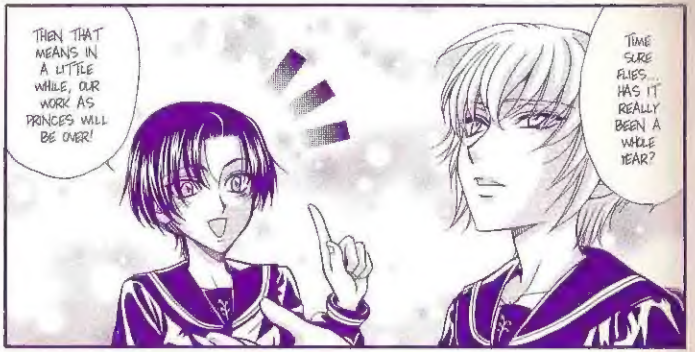
THEN THAT MEANS IN A LITTLE WHILE, OUR WORK AS PRINCES WILL BE OVER!
TIME SURE FLIES... HAS IT REALLY BEEN A WHOLE YEAR?

WHAAAT ?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? A PRINCE'S WORK IS NEVER OVER, NO MATTER WHAT GRADE SHE'S IN.

THEY CAN'T MAINTAIN IT SEMI-PERMANENTLY LIKE WE GIRLS CAN.
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE BOYS! THEIR BEAUTY DOESN'T LAST FOR LONG!
BUT WHY?! THE PRINCESSES IN THE PARALLEL UNIVERSE ARE DONE IN A YEAR!!
AND DON'T— PULL ON THE PARALLEL UNIVERSE.
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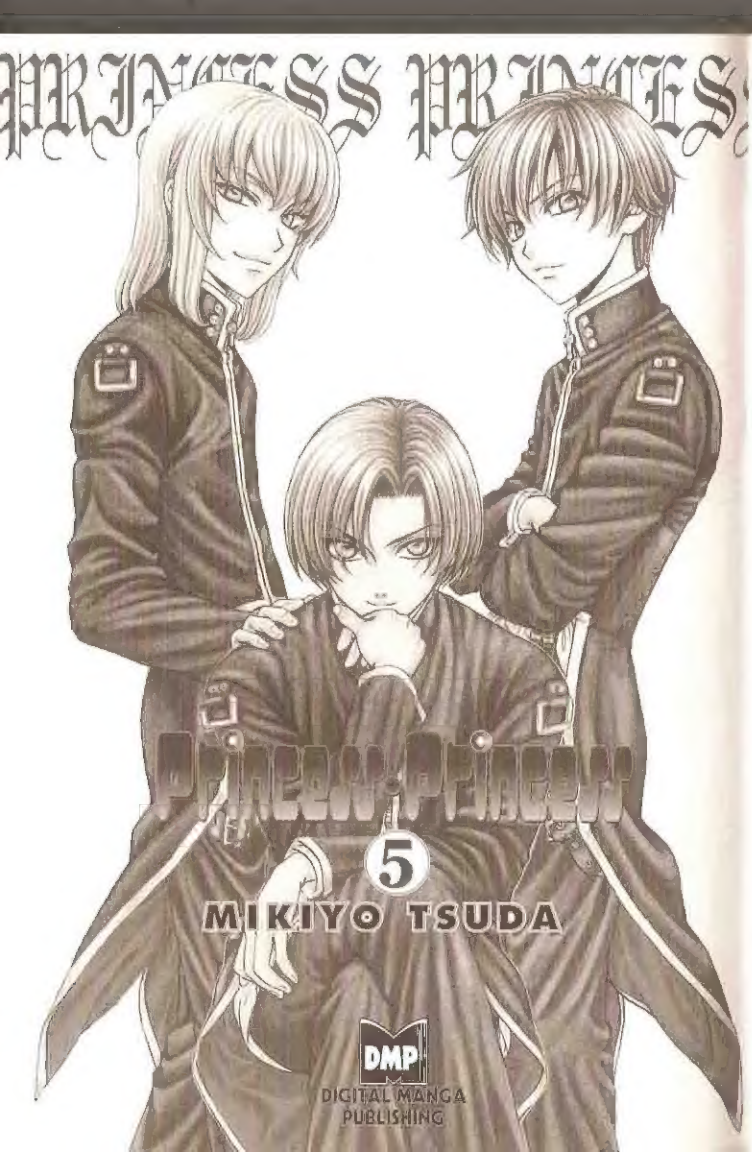
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I MUST BECOME A PERSON WHO EXCELS.
I MUST BECOME A PERSON THAT PEOPLE ARE ATTRACTED TO.
I MUST BECOME A PERSON WHO CAN COMMAND OTHERS.

I MUST BE LIKE THAT BECAUSE I AM THE FAMILY HEIR, AND AS AN HEIR, I NEED TO BE ABLE TO LEAD MANY PEOPLE.

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The Story So Far...

Tohru Kouno is a transfer student, who, lured by the various benefits, accepted his mission as a "princess". Just when Tohru had gotten used to cheering and wearing a dress, the student council elections began. Everyone thought that the charismatic and ever-popular Akira Sakamoto, the brother of the great "Sakamoto-Sama," would easily win the presidency, but things didn't go as planned: a new transfer student named Mitaka entered the race, and is poised to give Akira a run for his money!

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HEY, YOU GUYS...
I HEARD YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE A SUPPORT SPEECH FOR SAKAMOTO-SAMA...
YEAH, WE ARE.

I BELIEVE THERE'LL BE A LOT OF THINGS IN LIFE TO CONSIDER BEFORE MOVING ON...
THAT'S WHY I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO TAKE THE TIME I HAVE WHILE I'M YOUNG TO THINK AHEAD AND PREPARE...

GUYS...
NOW THAT MITAKA'S IN THE RUNNING ...
WE'LL BRING THAT CONCEITED JERK TO HIS KNEES...
WE'LL PUT THAT ARROGANT BASTARD IN HIS PLACE...
WE'LL MAKE SURE AKIRA WINS! WE CAN'T STAND IDLY BY IF THERE'S EVEN THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE HE COULD LOSE!!

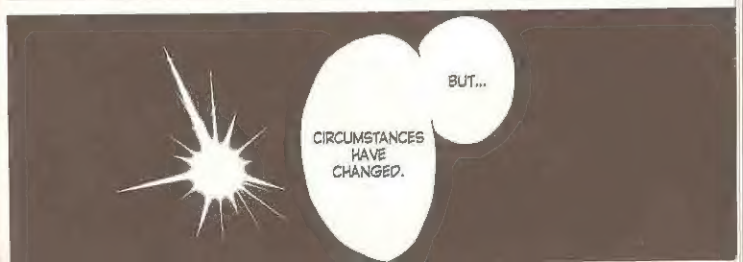
I KNOW MITAKA HAS A HAUGHTY AIR ABOUT HIM...
BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO JUDGE PEOPLE, YOU SHOULD HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR IT.

EVEN IF MITAKA /S SAKAMOTO-SAMA'S RIVAL, YOU CAN'T GO AROUND BADMOUTHING HIM LIKE THAT.

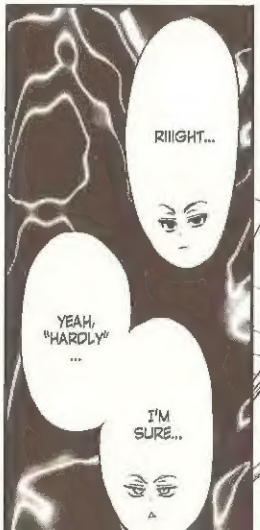
WE JUST ASSUMED AKIRA WOULD WIN NO MATTER WHAT, AND THAT WOULD BE THE END OF IT.
WE COULDN'T FATHOM THAT ANYONE WOULD TRY TO GO UP AGAINST HIM.

AKIRA'S POPULAR ENOUGH ON HIS OWN, SO WE FIGURED IT WOULD BE OVERKILL TO HELP HIM LIKE THAT.
NOT EXACTLY FAIR, YOU KNOW?
YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND... WE'RE ESSENTIALLY CELEBRITIES AT THIS SCHOOL.
WE WEREN'T REALLY PLANNING TO AT FIRST...

OR IF THE BEST BASEBALL PLAYER IN THE LEAGUE TRANSFERRED TO THE BEST TEAM.
LIKE, IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY WHEN YOU WERE ALREADY WEALTHY.


BUT...
CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED.

HE OUTRIGHT INSULTED HIM!
ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW HIM THAT WELL?
HE TOLD AKIRA HE WAS ONLY POPULAR BECAUSE OF HIS BROTHER!
ER...
DID YOU SEE THE ATTITUDE HE HAD TOWARD AKIRA? IT WAS UNBELIEVEABLE!


RIIIGHT...
YEAH, "HARDLY" ...
I'M SURE...

IT HAPPENS TO EVERYBODY. SOMETIMES YOU SAY THINGS YOU DON'T REALLY MEAN IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT. HE HARDLY MEANT ANYTHING BY IT.
WELL... HE...
HE PROBABLY SAID THAT BECAUSE AKIRA'S THE OPPOSITION... AND HE JUST... TOOK IT A LITTLE TOO FAR... YOU KNOW?

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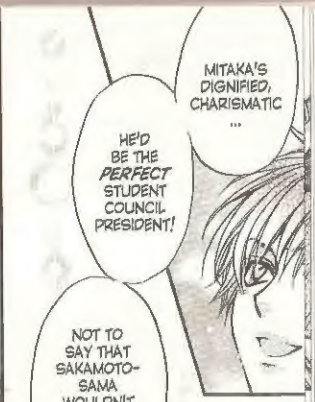
WOW... HE'S GOT YOU WRAPPED AROUND HIS FINGER...
UH OH...
HE'S IN HIS CLASS. NO WONDER.

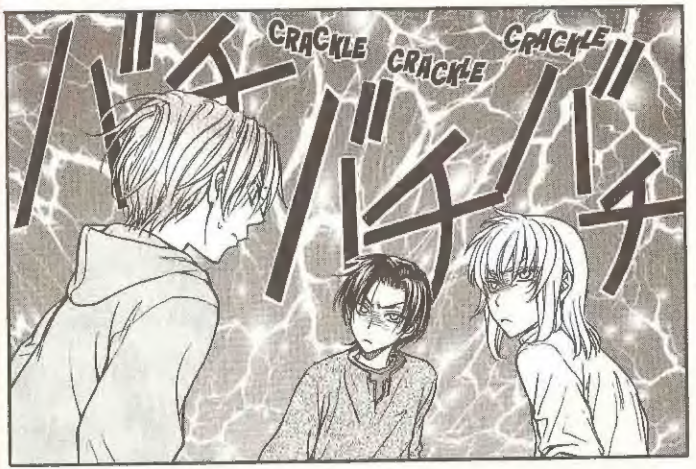

MITAKA'S DIGNIFIED, CHARISMATIC ...
HE'D BE THE PERFECT STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!
NOT TO SAY THAT SAKAMOTO-SAMA WOULDN'T MAKE A GREAT PRESIDENT...
BUT I THINK MITAKA WOULD BE BETTER AT LEADING PEOPLE.

HOW CAN YOU GUYS SAY THAT?! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HIM AT ALL!
ARE YOU SURE THAT GUY DESERVES RESPECT?
DON'T LET HIM TRICK YOU LIKE THAT, MIKOTO.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WRAPPED AROUND HIS FINGER"?! I GENUINELY RESPECT HIM, THAT'S ALL!

WE'RE GOING TO USE OUR PRINCESS POWERS!
HEH HEH HEH HEH
AND NO ONE TOLD US WE CAN'T!
WE MIGHT AS WELL PUT THEM TO GOOD USE.
THAT'S RIGHT. INCLUDING SPECIAL POWERS THAT ONLY WE HAVE.
SOME PEOPLE MIGHT SAY IT'S UNFAIR, BUT WE PLAN TO SUPPORT AKIRA WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT.
WAIT, YOU GUYS AREN'T GOING TO...?
JOLT
I ACCEPTED IT, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I ACTUALLY WANT TO DRESS UP LIKE A GIRL!!
I'M NOT A TRANSVESTITE!
WHAT HAPPENED, MIKOTO? I THOUGHT YOU CAME TO TERMS WITH BEING A PRINCESS?
YOU CAN'T! IF YOU DO, THEN THAT MEANS I MIGHT HAVE TO DO IT, TOO!

SHUT UP YOU GUYS! I THINK MITAKA WOULD BE GREAT AT RUNNING OUR SCHOOL! I WANT HIM TO WIN...
SO I AGREED TO DO A SUPPORT SPEECH FOR HIM!!
WELL, WE THINK AKIRA WOULD BE GREAT AT RUNNING THE SCHOOL!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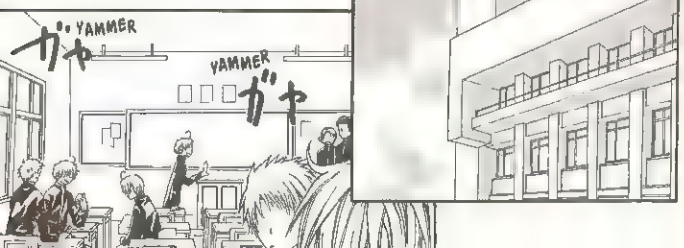
GOOD-NIGHT!
SPARK
FINE! THEN I'LL SUPPORT MITAKA WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT!!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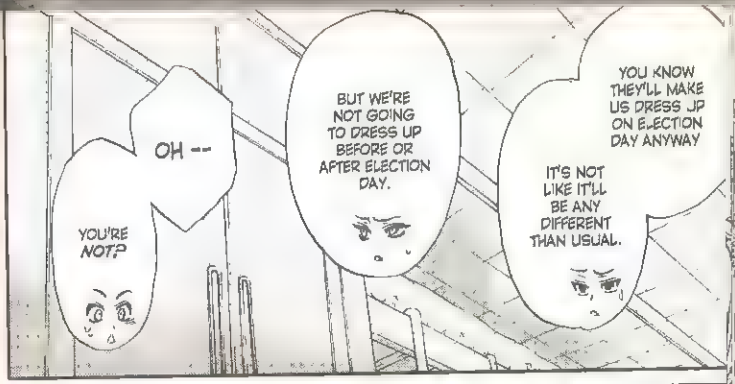
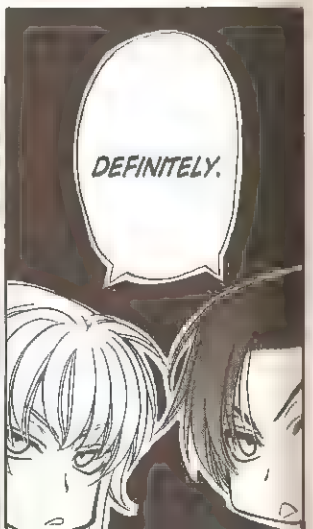

YOU KNOW THEY'LL MAKE US DRESS UP ON ELECTION DAY ANYWAY
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'LL BE ANY DIFFERENT THAN USUAL.
BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO DRESS UP BEFORE OR AFTER ELECTION DAY.
OH --
YOU'RE NOT?

OF COURSE NOT! YOU THINK WE WANT TO WEAR THAT STUFF IN OUR FREE TIME? NO WAY! PUTTING ON THOSE OUTFITS IS TOO MUCH OF A PAIN.
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT... MAKES SENSE
AT ANY RATE...
WHETHER YOU DRESS UP TO SUPPORT MITAKA OR NOT...
WE'RE GIVING EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT TO MAKE AKIRA PRESIDENT!!

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HIS REACTION...
THERE. NOW EVERYTHING'S SET
M'HAHAHA
...

SO... YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO DO IT?

WE BOTH THINK YOU'LL WIN EVEN IF WE DON'T...
BUT IT'S BETTER TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE JUST IN CASE.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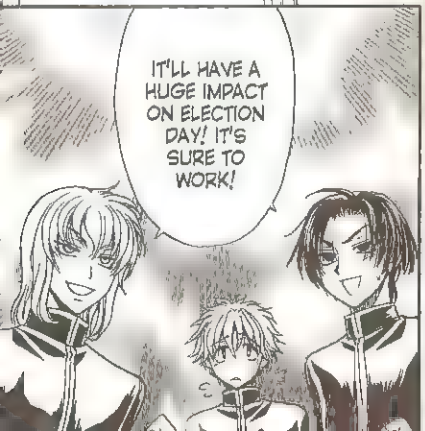
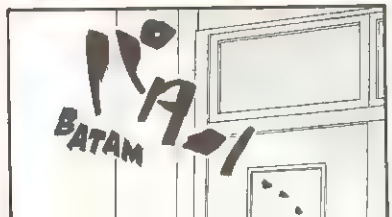

IT'LL HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON ELECTION DAY! IT'S SURE TO WORK!

CRAFTS ROOM
SORRY...
WE KNOW YOU'RE ALREADY BUSY MAKING OUR OTHER DRESSES.
THAAANK YOU, NATASHOU-SEMPAI! ♡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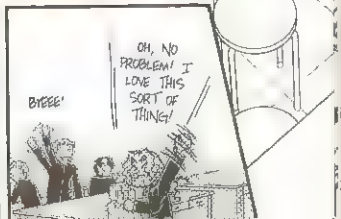
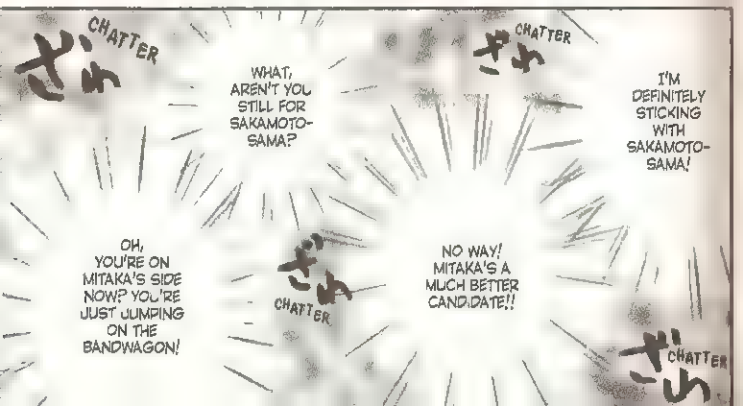

OH, NO PROBLEM! I LOVE THIS SORT OF THING!
BYEEE'

SAKAMOTO-SAMA HAS A REAL SENSE OF INTEGRITY.
THOUGH, WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, THAT MIGHT NOT HELP HIM RUN THE WHOLE SCHOOL.
I'M FOR SAKAMOTO-SAMA ALL THE WAY!
DON'T YOU THINK MITAKA'S GOOD, TOO?
HE'S COOL. HE SEEMS LIKE HE COULD GET THINGS DONE... MORE LIKE THE KIND OF LEADER I WOULD FOLLOW.
BUT MITAKA BARELY TRANSFERRED HERE... DOES HE EVEN KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS SCHOOL?
LIKE, EVENTS AND THAT SORT OF THING.
WHO D... YOU G... TH... SHOULD ... PRESIDENT.
BEFORE I WAS SURE I SHOULD BE SAKAMOTO-SAMA, BUT NOW... MAN, I DON'T KNOW...
SAME HERE...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WHAT, AREN'T YOU STILL FOR SAKAMOTO-SAMA?
CHATTER
I'M DEFINITELY STICKING WITH SAKAMOTO-SAMA!
OH, YOU'RE ON MITAKA'S SIDE NOW? YOU'RE JUST JUMPING ON THE BANDWAGON!
CHATTER
NO WAY! MITAKA'S A MUCH BETTER CANDIDATE!!
CHATTER

YEAH, YOU'VE PROBABLY GOT ABOUT HALF THE STUDENT BODY BY NOW!
IT'S INCREDIBLE! YOU'VE ALREADY GOT A FAIR NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING OVER TO YOUR SIDE!
HOW ARE THINGS PROGRESSING?
"A FAIR NUMBER"?! "PROBABLY"?! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR VAGUE WORDS LIKE THAT!
I NEED SOMETHING MORE CONCRETE! A NUMBER WOULD BE CONCRETE!!
FLINCH
I'D TALLY THE PROJECTED VOTES, THEN I'D ANALYZE THE NUMBERS AND DRAW UP AN ATTACK PLAN...
IF I WERE AN ASSISTANT, I'D MAKE SURE ALL THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS GOT DONE PROPERLY!
THEY DON'T MAP OUT THEIR ROUTES, THEY DON'T GET EVERYONE'S ATTENTION...
DAMN THESE GUYS DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING AT ALL!

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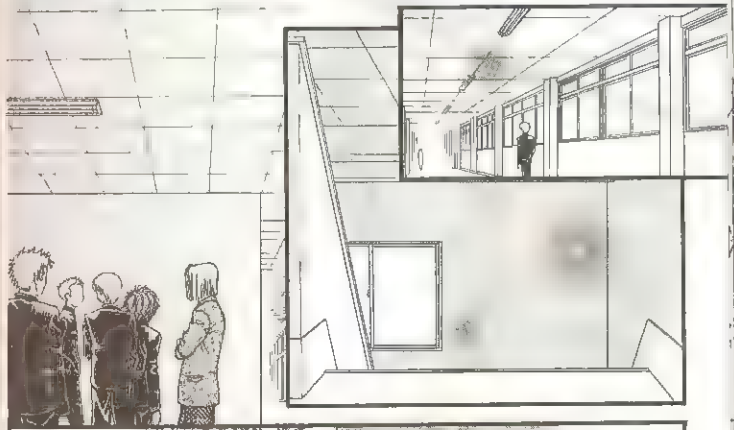
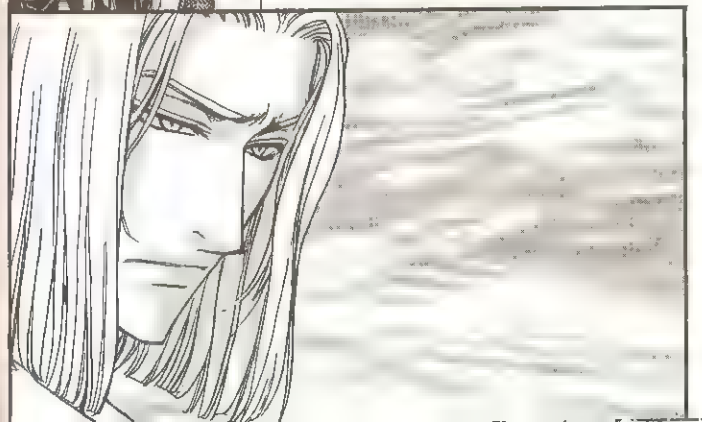
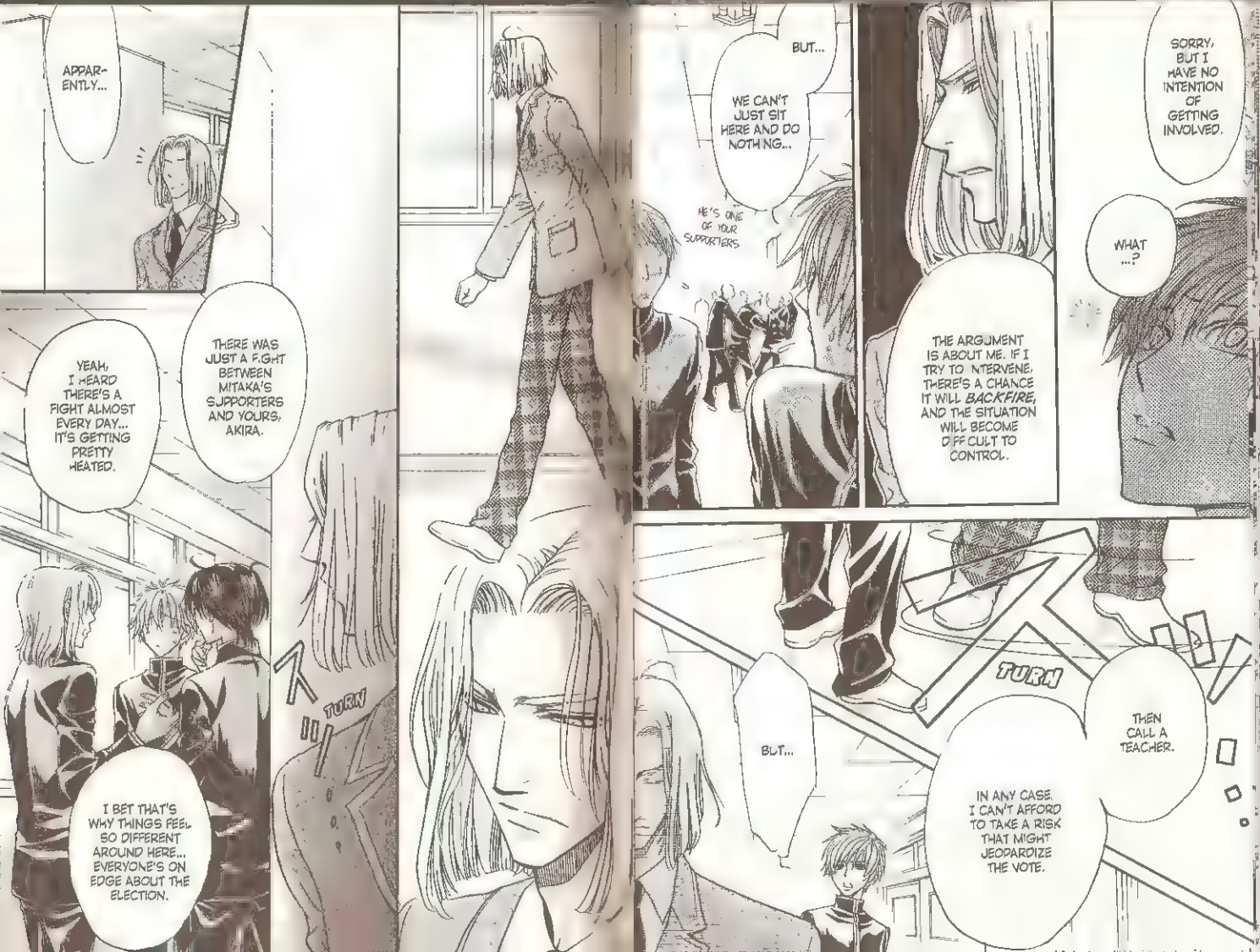
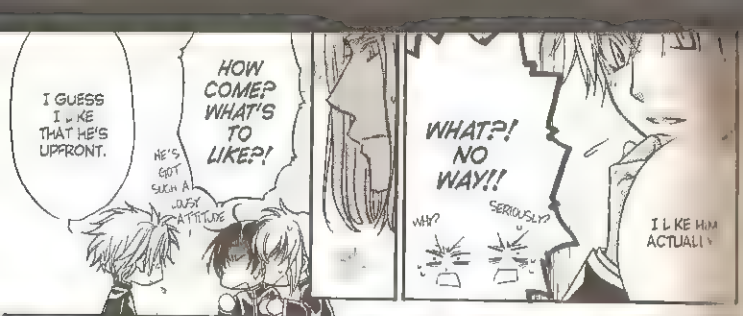




SILENCE
IF I DIDN'T KNOW I COULD DO THAT, I WOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED RUNNING IN THE FIRST PLACE.
HEH
I'M ABLE TO -- NO, IF I CHOOSE TO DO SOMETHING, THEN IT'S DESTINED FOR SUCCESS. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.
TO THAT END, WE MUST RALLY MORE SUPPORT, MORE VOTES...
UM... HOW?
LET'S SEE..
I FELT A CHILL
IT'S COLD IN HERE
WHOA I GOT GOOSE-BUMPS
MY NERVES WERE ON END, AND I LASHED OUT AT YOU. FORGIVE ME.
YEAH, IT'S NO BIG DEAL..
NO IT'S IT'S OKAY.
OH.
THESE GUYS AREN'T GOING TO PERFORM THE WAY I'D HOPED THEY WOULD...
I SUPPOSE...
SORRY. I'VE BEEN UNDER A LOT OF STRESS LATELY, AND IT SEEMS TO BE CATCHING UP WITH ME...
MITAKA ...?
JUMP !!
IS PRETTY AMAZING, MITAKA!
TO DEVELOP SUCH A FOLLOWING IN ONLY A FEW WEEKS...
AND UNTIL JUST RECENTLY, THE WHOLE SCHOOL WAS ON SAKAMOTO-SAMA'S SIDE
WE CAN'T GIVE YOU A SPECIFIC NUMBER...
BUT I HEARD THERE'VE BEEN A LOT OF ARGUMENTS BETWEEN SAKAMOTO-SAMA'S SUPPORTERS AND YOURS.
THAT'S A GOOD SIGN YOU'VE GOT QUITE A FEW FOLLOWERS.

GAAHHH!
YOU NEED TO LEARN THAT YOU CAN'T GET BY ON LOOKS AND IDEALS ALONE.
MITAKA ...
HEY! HEY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THEY'RE YELLING ABOUT SOMETHING...
WAIT...
ISN'T THAT... AGAINST THE RULES?
WE'LL INSIST THAT IT'S JUST A SIMPLE REQUEST.
I'M TOLD SPORTS GROUPS IN JAPAN ARE VERY HIERARCHICAL.
LET'S CONTACT THE SCHOOL'S TEAM CAPTAINS AND HAVE THEM TELL THEIR MEMBERS TO VOTE FOR ME.
AND THAT'S WRONG.
BUT...
THEN YOU'RE FORCING THEM TO ABUSE THE SENIORITY SYSTEM...
WHOA!
LOOKS LIKE A FIGHT BETWEEN SUPPORTERS!
WE HAVE TO STOP THEM, MITAKA!
SHUT UP! SAKAMOTO-SAMA DOESN'T FIT THE ROLE OF PRESIDENT AND YOU KNOW IT!!
DON'T BE STUPID! YOU CAN'T LEAVE THE SCHOOL IN MITAKA'S HANDS! HE HASN'T EVEN BEEN HERE A MONTH!
I'VE PLAYED FAIR UNTIL NOW. OBVIOUSLY, IF I WANT TO RALLY MORE VOTES, I NEED TO ADOPT A NEW STRATEGY.
DO YOU HAVE SOME OTHER IDEA?


APPARENTLY...
THERE WAS JUST A FIGHT BETWEEN MITAKA'S SUPPORTERS AND YOURS, AKIRA.
YEAH, I HEARD THERE'S A FIGHT ALMOST EVERY DAY... IT'S GETTING PRETTY HEATED.
I BET THAT'S WHY THINGS FEEL SO DIFFERENT AROUND HERE... EVERYONE'S ON EDGE ABOUT THE ELECTION.
TURN
BUT...
WE CAN'T JUST SIT HERE AND DO NOTHING...
HE'S ONE OF YOUR SUPPORTERS
THE ARGUMENT IS ABOUT ME. IF I TRY TO INTERVENE, THERE'S A CHANCE IT WILL BACKFIRE, AND THE SITUATION WILL BECOME DIFFICULT TO CONTROL.
SORRY, BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GETTING INVOLVED.
WHAT ...?
BUT...
IN ANY CASE. I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE A RISK THAT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE VOTE.
THEN CALL A TEACHER.
TURN


I GUESS I LIKE THAT HE'S UPFRONT.
HOW COME? WHAT'S TO LIKE?!
HE'S GOT SUCH A ROUGH ATTITUDE
WHAT?! NO WAY!!
WHY?
SERIOUSLY?
I LIKE HIM ACTUALLY

SO FOR ME, WHETHER THE PERSON HAS A BAD ATTITUDE OR NOT, IF THEY'RE UPFRONT ABOUT HOW THEY FEEL, IT REALLY PUTS ME AT EASE.
WHEN I WONDER WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF ME, I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING UNLESS THEY TELL ME THEMSELVES, AND IT'S KIND OF SCARY.
AKIRA...
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I START TO ASSUME THINGS AND CAN'T THINK OF ANY OUTCOMES BUT THE BAD ONES.

AKIRA'S IN A CLASS OF HIS OWN...
AKIRA
IT WAS EXCITING...
EVER SINCE I CAME HERE, I'VE NEVER KNOWN WHAT IT FELT LIKE TO BE ATTACKED LIKE THAT. SO IT WAS ACTUALLY KIND OF REFRESHING...
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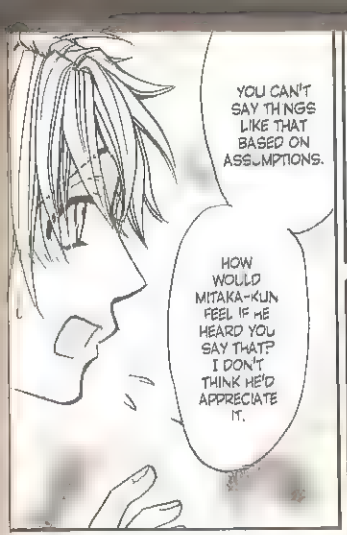
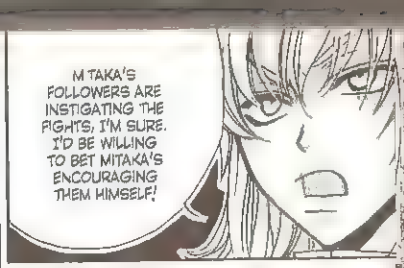
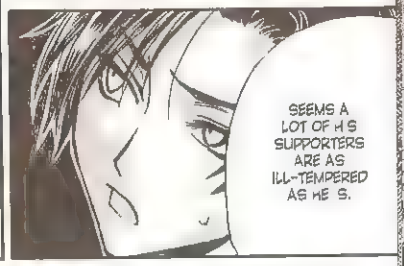
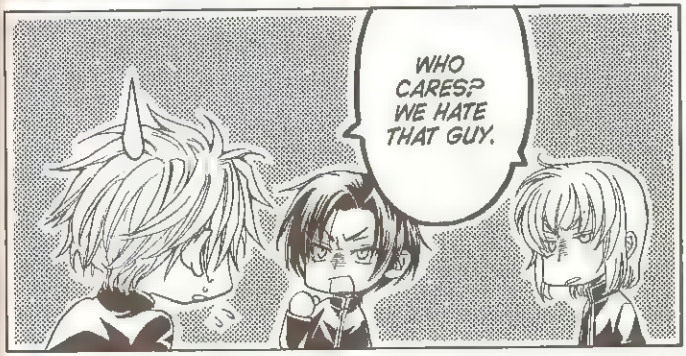
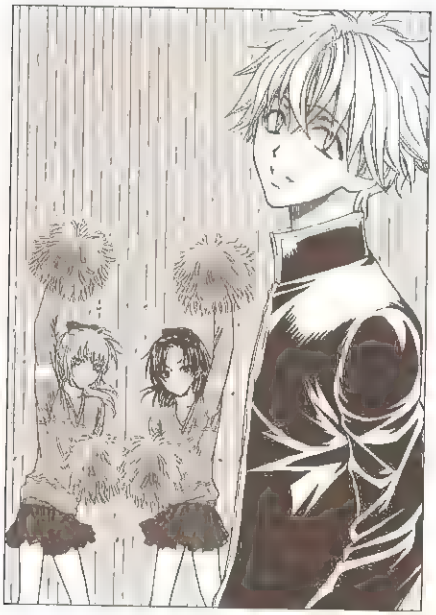

YOU CAN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS.
HOW WOULD MITAKA-KUN FEEL IF HE HEARD YOU SAY THAT? I DON'T THINK HE'D APPRECIATE IT.

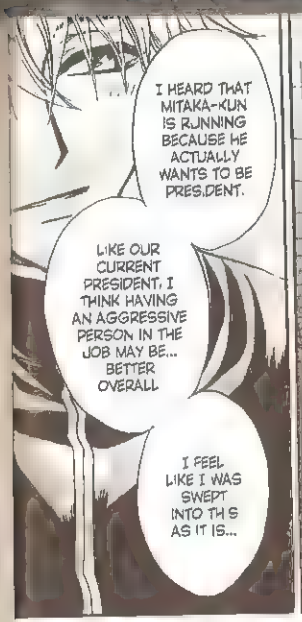

MITAKA'S FOLLOWERS ARE INSTIGATING THE FIGHTS, I'M SURE. I'D BE WILLING TO BET MITAKA'S ENCOURAGING THEM HIMSELF!


SEEMS A LOT OF HIS SUPPORTERS ARE AS ILL-TEMPERED AS HE IS.


WHO CARES? WE HATE THAT GUY.

YEAH...
WELL...
YEAH! HE VERBALLY ATTACKED YOU, REMEMBER?!
YOU DON'T LIKE HIM EITHER, DO YOU AKIRA?




I HEARD THAT MITAKA-KUN IS RUNNING BECAUSE HE ACTUALLY WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT.
LIKE OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT, I THINK HAVING AN AGGRESSIVE PERSON IN THE JOB MAY BE... BETTER OVERALL
I FEEL LIKE I WAS SWEPT INTO THIS AS IT IS...

NOTHING AGAINST YOU OR MY SUPPORTERS, OF COURSE
TO BE HONEST, I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD IF MITAKA-KUN BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
WHAT?!

I MEAN, AS LONG AS IT'S SOMEONE THAT WILL THINK ABOUT WHAT'S BEST FOR THE STUDENTS AND THE SCHOOL, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO BECOMES PRESIDENT
SO YOU'RE A FRAUD.

BEING YOUR ENEMY, I KNOW THERE'S NO TRUTH IN YOUR WORDS OF PRAISE TOWARD ME. I DON'T BL... IT AT ALL
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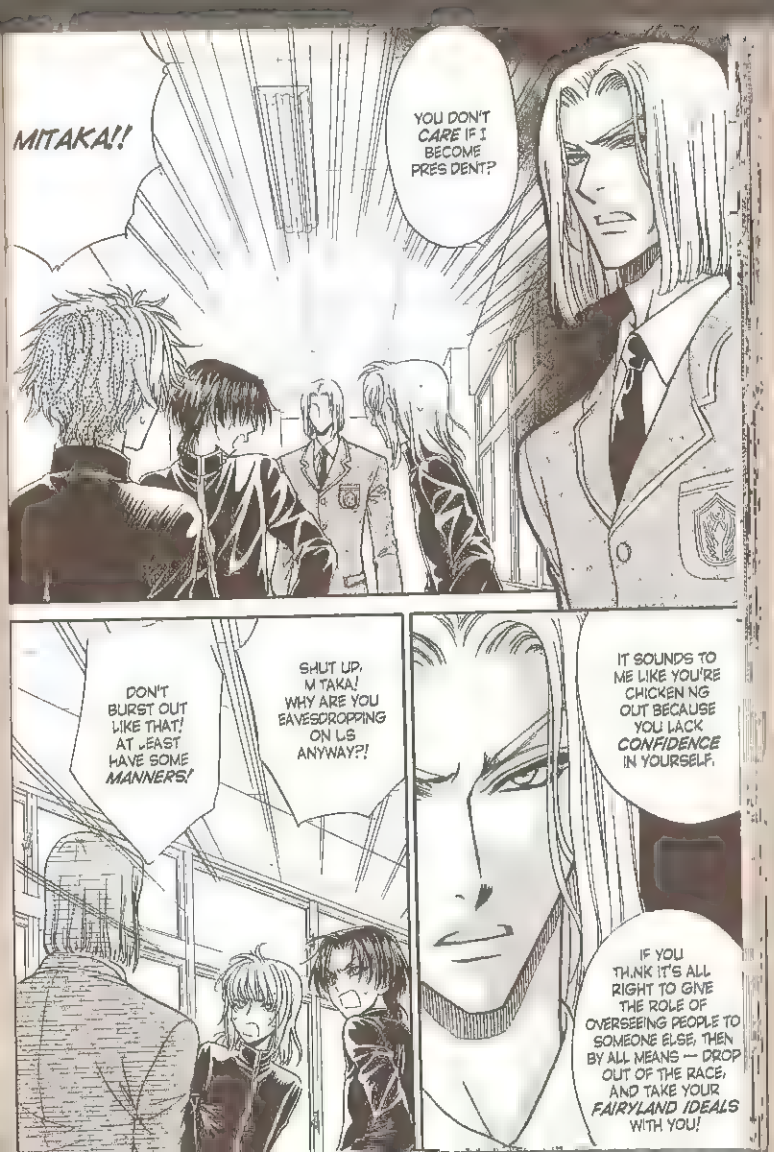
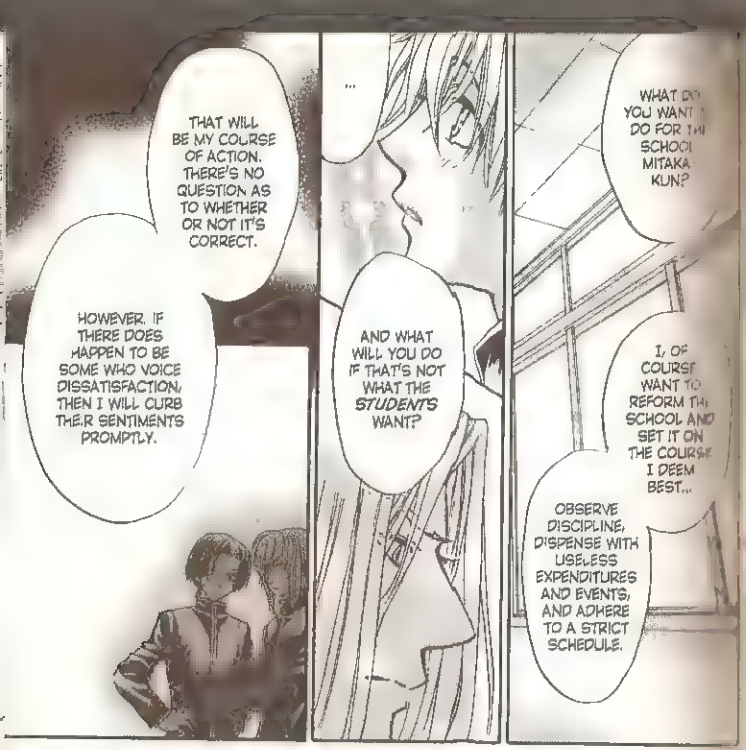
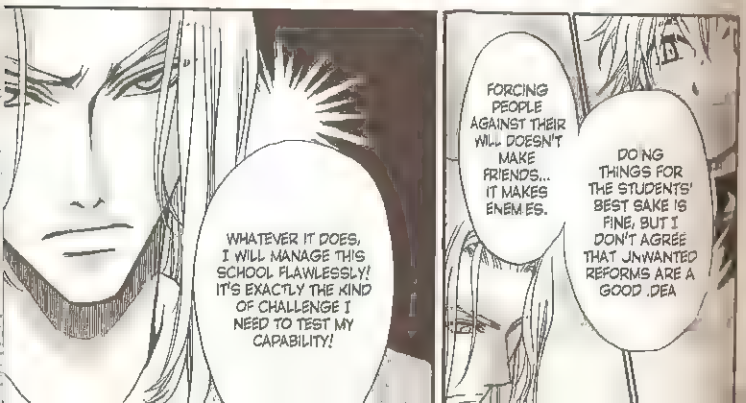
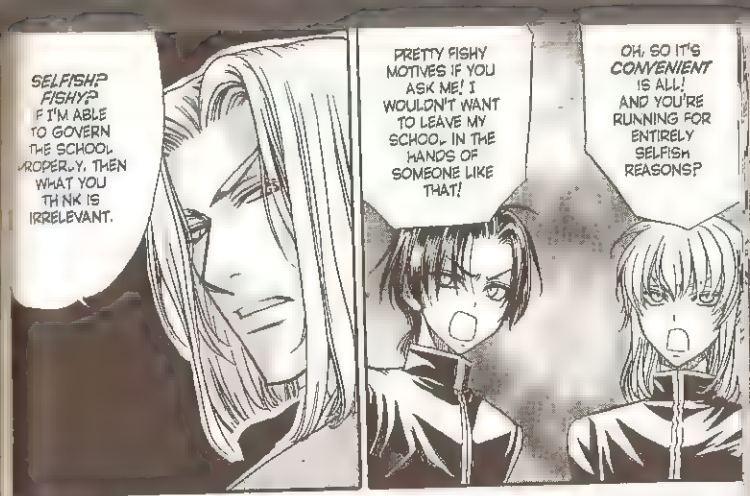
TURN
HE'S IGNORING US!
HEY
WHY DID YOU DEC DE TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT, MITAKA-KUN?
FOR MYSELF, OF COURSE.
ONE DAY, I WILL TAKE OVER MY FAMILY'S BUSINESS.
TO PREPARE FOR THAT I MUST ACQUIRE ALL THE SKILLS I POSS BLY CAN.
THE ROLE OF STUDENT COUNCIL PRES DENT IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP AND POLISH THOSE SKILLS.


MITAKA!!
YOU DON'T CARE IF I BECOME PRES DENT?
SHUT UP, M TAKA! WHY ARE YOU EAVESDROPPING ON US ANYWAY?!
DON'T BURST OUT LIKE THAT! AT LEAST HAVE SOME MANNERS!
IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU'RE CHICKEN NG OUT BECAUSE YOU LACK CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF.
IF YOU TH NK IT'S ALL RIGHT TO GIVE THE ROLE OF OVERSEEING PEOPLE TO SOMEONE ELSE, THEN BY ALL MEANS — DROP OUT OF THE RACE, AND TAKE YOUR FAIRYLAND IDEALS WITH YOU!

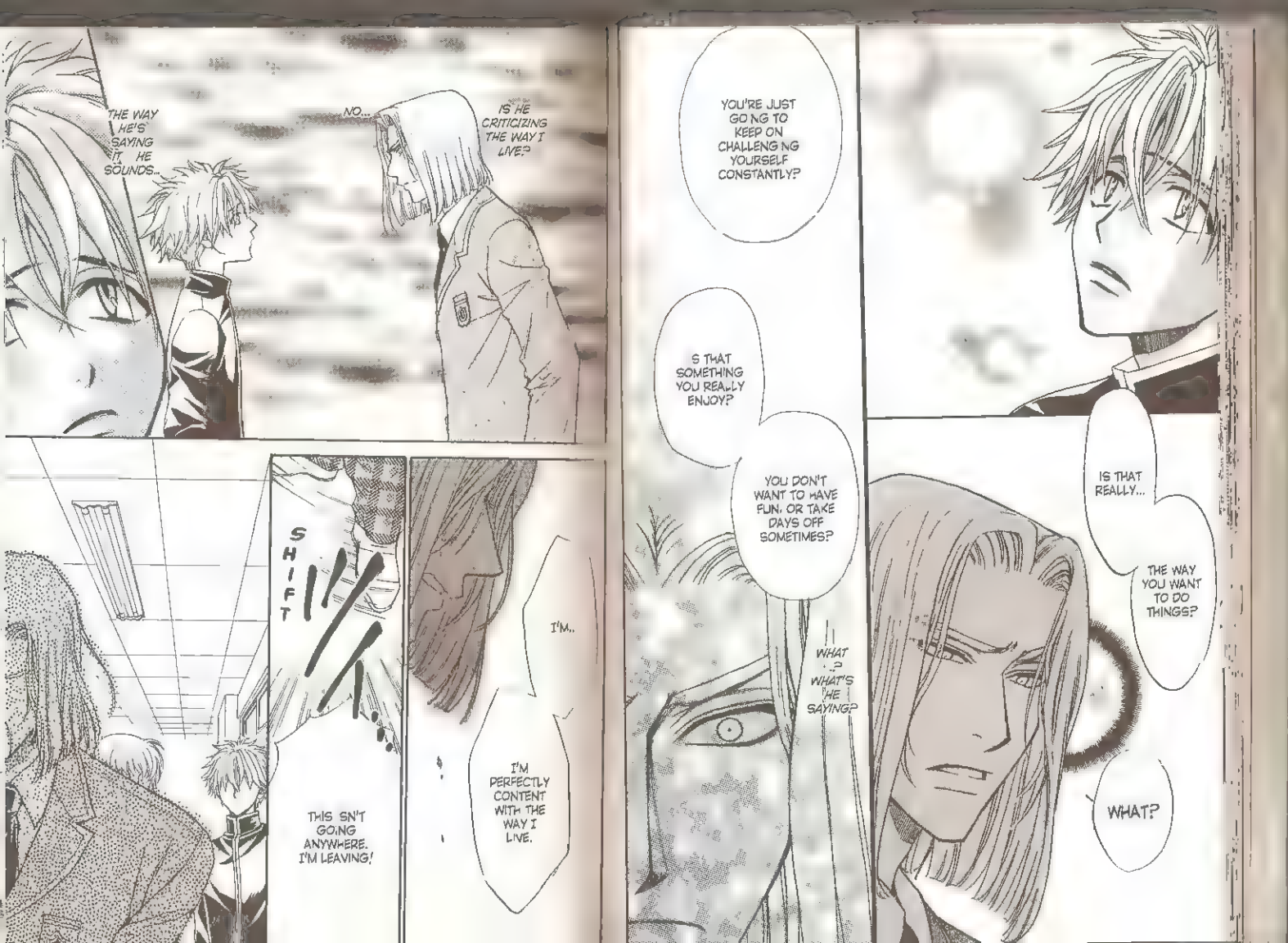

THAT WILL BE MY COURSE OF ACTION. THERE'S NO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT'S CORRECT.
HOWEVER. IF THERE DOES HAPPEN TO BE SOME WHO VOICE DISSATISFACTION, THEN I WILL CURB THEIR SENTIMENTS PROMPTLY.
...
AND WHAT WILL YOU DO IF THAT'S NOT WHAT THE STUDENTS WANT?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO FOR THE SCHOOL MITAKA KUN?
I, OF COURSE WANT TO REFORM THE SCHOOL AND SET IT ON THE COURSE I DEEM BEST...
OBSERVE DISCIPLINE, DISPENSE WITH USELESS EXPENDITURES AND EVENTS, AND ADHERE TO A STRICT SCHEDULE.


WHATEVER IT DOES, I WILL MANAGE THIS SCHOOL FLAWLESSLY! IT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF CHALLENGE I NEED TO TEST MY CAPABILITY!
FORCING PEOPLE AGAINST THEIR WILL DOESN'T MAKE FRIENDS... IT MAKES ENEMIES.
DOING THINGS FOR THE STUDENTS' BEST SAKE IS FINE, BUT I DON'T AGREE THAT UNWANTED REFORMS ARE A GOOD IDEA


SELFISH? FISHY? IF I'M ABLE TO GOVERN THE SCHOOL PROPERLY, THEN WHAT YOU THINK IS IRRELEVANT.
PRETTY FISHY MOTIVES IF YOU ASK ME! I WOULDN'T WANT TO LEAVE MY SCHOOL IN THE HANDS OF SOMEONE LIKE THAT!
OH, SO IT'S CONVENIENT IS ALL! AND YOU'RE RUNNING FOR ENTIRELY SELFISH REASONS?

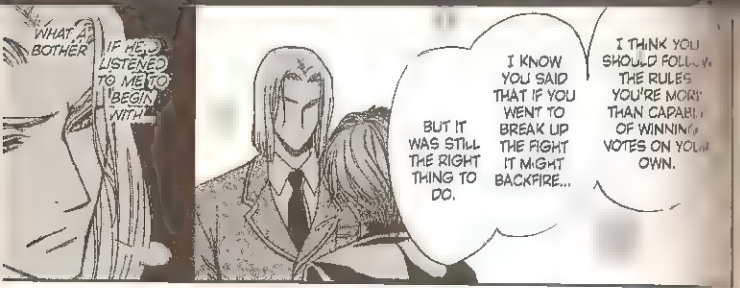
AKIRA?!
YOU'RE JOKING! RIGHT?
WHAT? WHY?
WELL, I CAN'T SAY I THINK YOUR REASONS ARE WRONG...
SAKAMOTO.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

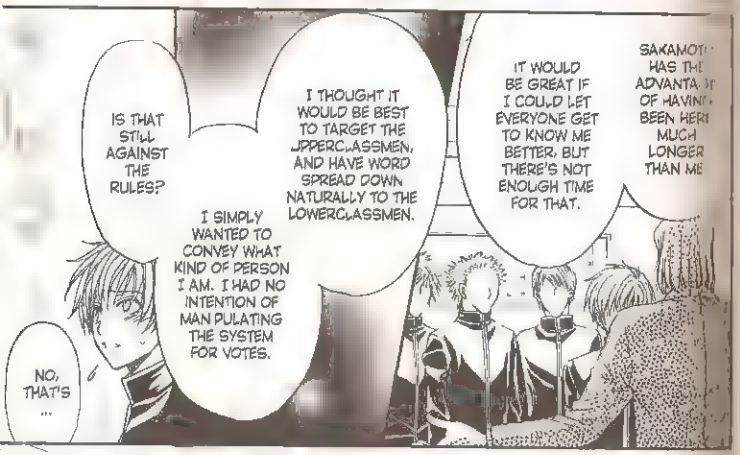
BUT I CAN'T SAY YOUR REASONS ARE RIGHT, EITHER.
I THINK IT'S A QUESTION OF YOUR INTENTIONS FOR THE SCHOOL.
FHN HN HN
HE DOES HAVE A PRETTY DUMB REASON
THAT'S RIGHT
I MEAN, OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT'S REASON FOR DOING IT IS BECAUSE HE "LOVES HAVING POWER."
AND HE GOVERNS THE SCHOOL REALLY WELL
OH...

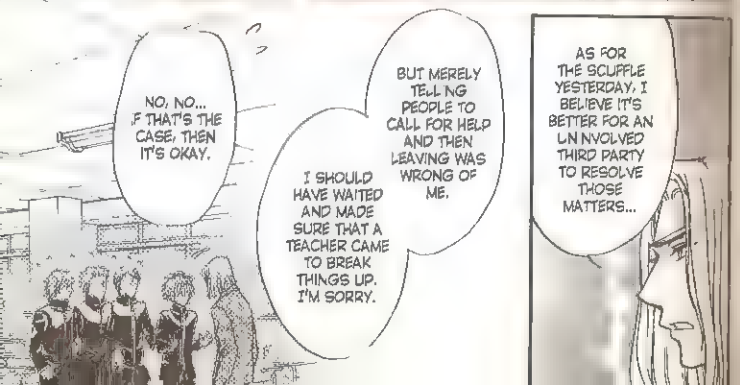

THE WAY HE'S SAYING IT, HE SOUNDS...
NO...
IS HE CRITICIZING THE WAY I LIVE?
SHIFT
THIS SN'T GO,NG ANYWHERE. I'M LEAVING!
I'M..
I'M PERFECTLY CONTENT WITH THE WAY I LIVE.
YOU'RE JUST GO NG TO KEEP ON CHALLENG NG YOURSELF CONSTANTLY?
S THAT SOMETH'NG YOU REAL,LY ENJOY?
YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE FUN, OR TAKE DAYS OFF SOMETIMES?
WHAT ..? WHAT'S HE SAYING?
IS THAT REALLY...
THE WAY YOU WANT TO DO THINGS?
WHAT?

IF ONLY HE'D REALIZE IT'S IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THINGS AROUND YOU, AND STOP AND THINK SOMETIMES, TOO...
IT'S KIND OF SAD...
AKIRA..
HOW DOES ANYONE BECOME THAT SELF-CENTERED?
WHAT A POMPOUS ASS! REALLY!
I'M SURE...
NOT WATCHING AROUND OR BELOW...
JUST WALKING STRAIGHT FORWARD, WITHOUT EVER STOPPING.
HE'S ONLY LOOKING AHEAD.
SHAKE
DON'T LET IT PHASE YOU, MITAKA!
I HAVE NO QUALMS WITH THE PATH I'VE CHOSEN.
WHAT...?
WHAT'S THIS TIGHT FEELING IN MY CHEST?!
WHY HAVE HIS WORDS SHAKEN ME UP SO MUCH?

R-RIGHT...
DON'T TURN THIS INTO A CONTEST, OK GUYS.
BET YOU A SANDWICH HE JUST GOES, "IMPOSSIBLE."
I'LL BET YOU ANYTHING HE SAYS, "DON'T WASTE THE BUDGET ON SUCH NONSENSE!" !!
HE SAID HE'D DISPENSE WITH USELESS EXPENDITURES AND EVENTS
I WONDER WHAT HE'LL THINK ABOUT THE PRINCESS SYSTEM...
YEAH! EVEN IF YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY, IT'D ONLY FALL ON DEAF EARS. IT'S LIKE TALKING TO A WALL!
NO, NO! YOU DON'T NEED TO SYMPATHIZE WITH THAT GUY, AKIRA!
LIKE WATER OFF OF A DUCK'S BACK!
OR LIKE CASTING PEARLS BEFORE SWINE!
YEAH, SEEMS LIKELY.
MAYBE THAT'S THE REASON MAKOTO'S ON HIS SIDE!
WAIT! MAYBE ...!
WHETHER IT IS OR NOT, WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO HAVE AKIRA AS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!!
FISH IN A BARREL!
CROSSING A BLACK CAT!
IN ONE EAR, OUT THE OTHER!
SPITTING INTO THE WIND!
BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE!
SWIMMING UPSTREAM!
ARE YOU GUYS HAVING A CATCHPHRASE FIGHT?
I SAID, IF HE BECOMES PRESIDENT...
HE WON'T !!
HEY GUYS, IF MITAKA-KUN ENDS UP BECOMING PRESIDENT --
SHIT HORSE!
BUT IN A BAD WAY
...

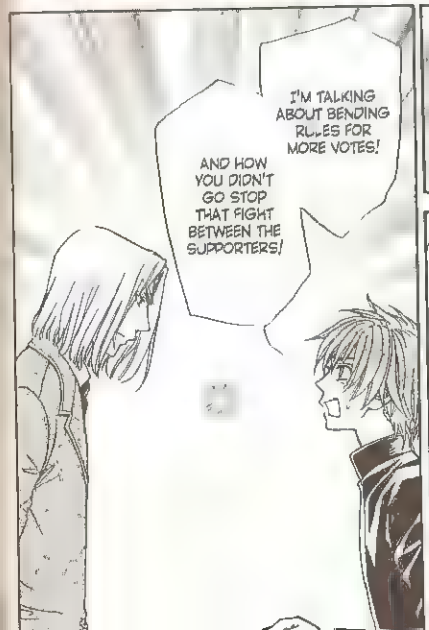

WHAT A BOTHER
IF HE'D LISTENED TO ME TO BEGIN WITH...
I KNOW YOU SAID THAT IF YOU WENT TO BREAK UP THE FIGHT IT MIGHT BACKFIRE...
I THINK YOU SHOULD FOLLOW THE RULES YOU'RE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF WINNING VOTES ON YOUR OWN.
BUT IT WAS STILL THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

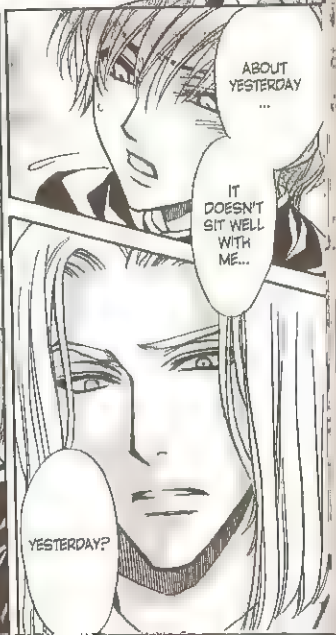

IS THAT STILL AGAINST THE RULES?
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO TARGET THE UPPERCLASSMEN, AND HAVE WORD SPREAD DOWN NATURALLY TO THE LOWERCLASSMEN.
I SIMPLY WANTED TO CONVEY WHAT KIND OF PERSON I AM. I HAD NO INTENTION OF MANIPULATING THE SYSTEM FOR VOTES.
NO, THAT'S ...
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF I COULD LET EVERYONE GET TO KNOW ME BETTER, BUT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR THAT.
SAKAMOTO HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING BEEN HERE MUCH LONGER THAN ME

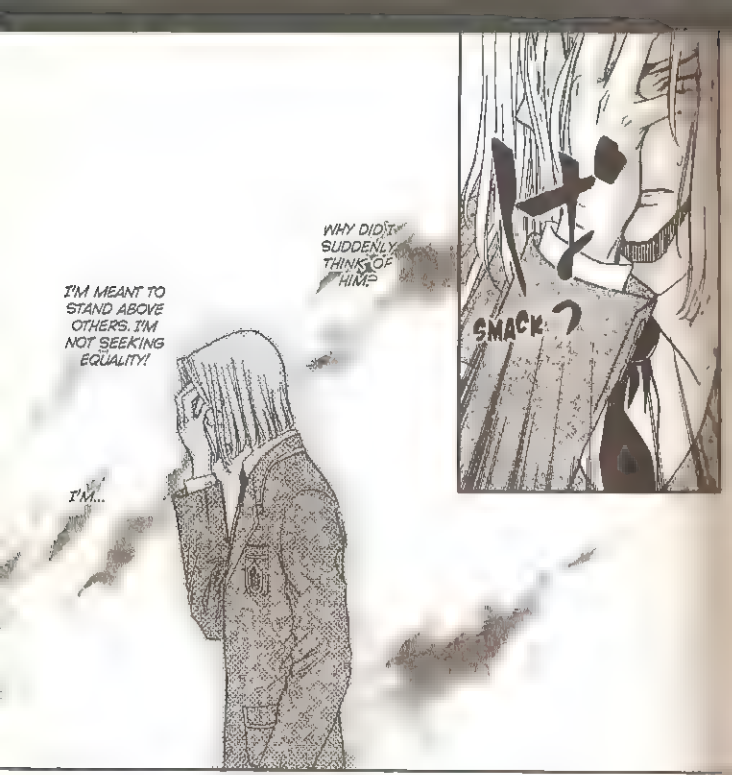

NO, NO... IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN IT'S OKAY.
I SHOULD HAVE WAITED AND MADE SURE THAT A TEACHER CAME TO BREAK THINGS UP. I'M SORRY.
BUT MERELY TELLING PEOPLE TO CALL FOR HELP AND THEN LEAVING WAS WRONG OF ME.
AS FOR THE SCUFFLE YESTERDAY, I BELIEVE IT'S BETTER FOR AN UNINVOLVED THIRD PARTY TO RESOLVE THOSE MATTERS...

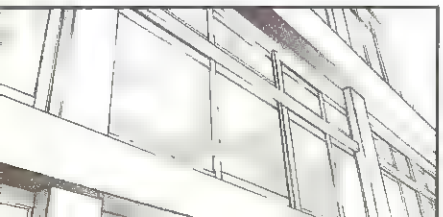
MITAKA...
WHAT IS IT?

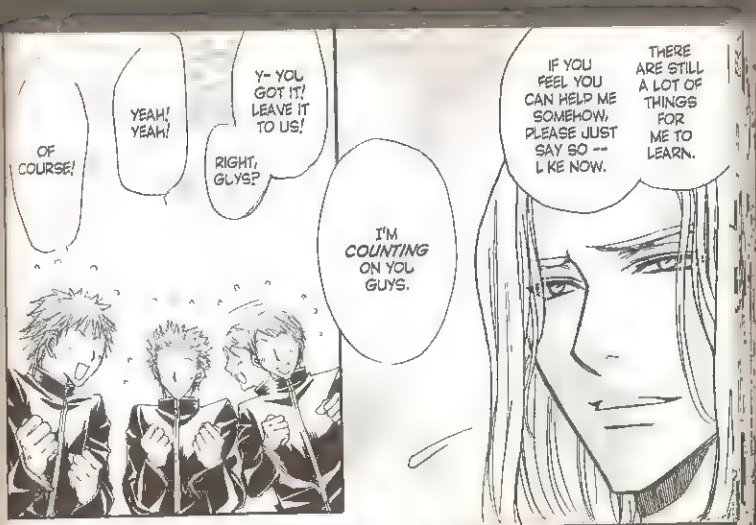
1-A
TODAY, I WANT YOU TO GO BY THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE EAST HALL...
AND THEN TO THE CAFETERIA, SO WE CAN...

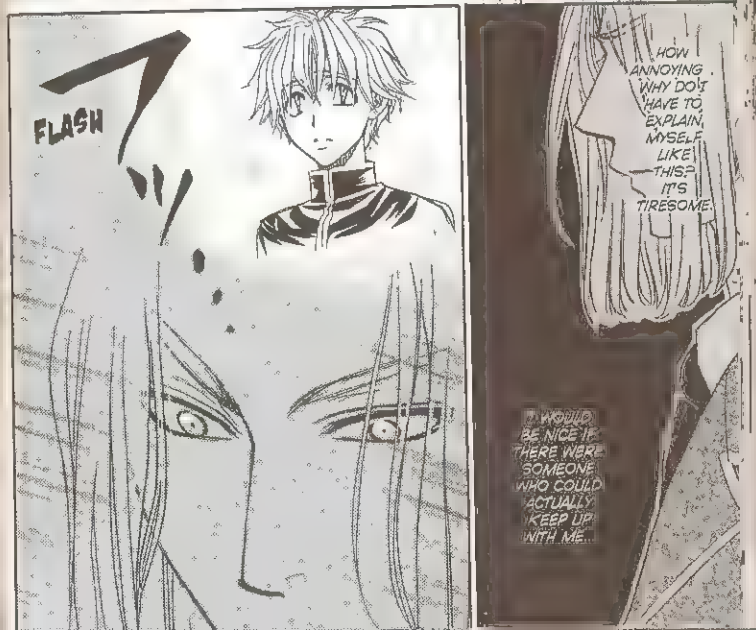

I'M TALKING ABOUT BENDING RULES FOR MORE VOTES!
AND HOW YOU DIDN'T GO STOP THAT FIGHT BETWEEN THE SUPPORTERS!

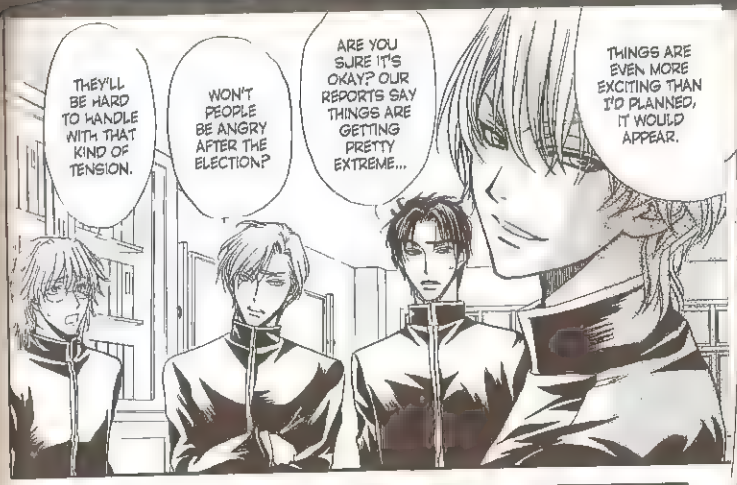

ABOUT YESTERDAY ...
IT DOESN'T SIT WELL WITH ME...
YESTERDAY?

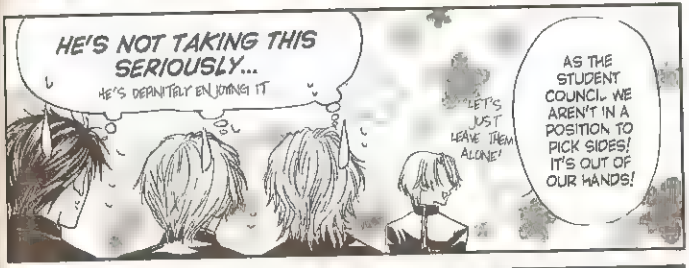

SMACK
WHY DID I SUDDENLY THINK OF HIM?
I'M MEANT TO STAND ABOVE OTHERS. I'M NOT SEEKING EQUALITY!
I'M...



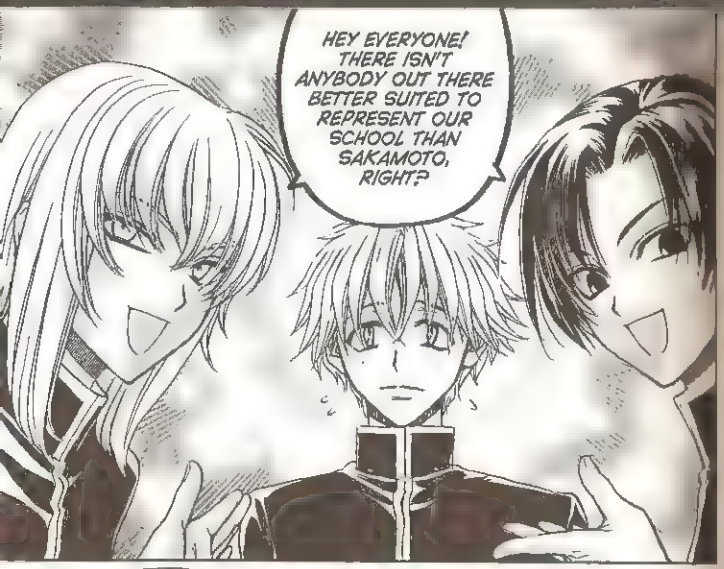

OF COURSE!
YEAH! YEAH!
Y- YOU GOT IT! LEAVE IT TO US!
RIGHT, GUYS?
I'M COUNTING ON YOU GUYS.
IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN HELP ME SOMEHOW, PLEASE JUST SAY SO -- LIKE NOW.
THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF THINGS FOR ME TO LEARN.


FLASH
HOW ANNOYING. WHY DO I HAVE TO EXPLAIN MYSELF LIKE THIS? IT'S TIRESOME.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF THERE WERE SOMEONE WHO COULD ACTUALLY KEEP UP WITH ME...


THEY'LL BE HARD TO HANDLE WITH THAT KIND OF TENSION.
WON'T PEOPLE BE ANGRY AFTER THE ELECTION?
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY? OUR REPORTS SAY THINGS ARE GETTING PRETTY EXTREME...
THINGS ARE EVEN MORE EXCITING THAN I'D PLANNED, IT WOULD APPEAR.


HE'S NOT TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY...
HE'S DEFINITELY ENJOYING IT
LET'S JUST LEAVE THEM ALONE!
AS THE STUDENT COUNCIL WE AREN'T IN A POSITION TO PICK SIDES! IT'S OUT OF OUR HANDS!

NO NEED TO WORRY THINGS HAVE A WAY OF WORKING OUT QUITE NICELY...
WHEN HE'S INVOLVED.


HEY EVERYONE! THERE ISN'T ANYBODY OUT THERE BETTER SUITED TO REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL THAN SAKAMOTO, RIGHT?

SO WHEN THE SUN RISES ON THE DAY THAT AKIRA SAKAMOTO IS PRESIDENT, WE CAN ENJOY A FULFILLING SCHOOL LIFE AND ENJOY HIS AMAZING HEALING POWER!
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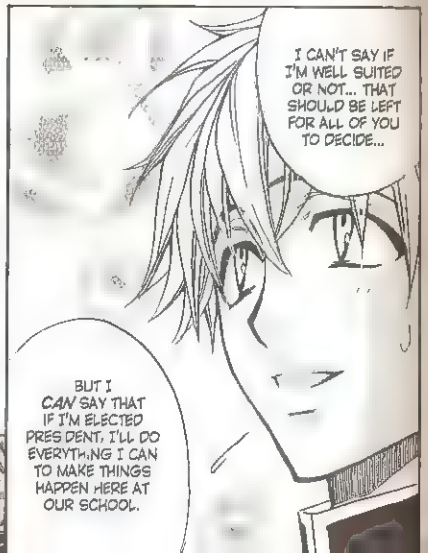
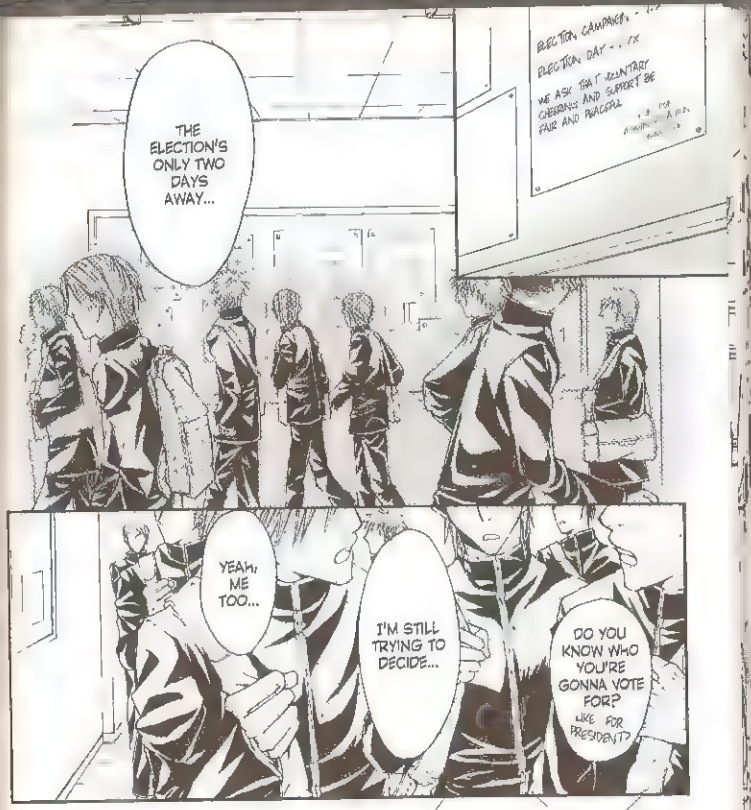
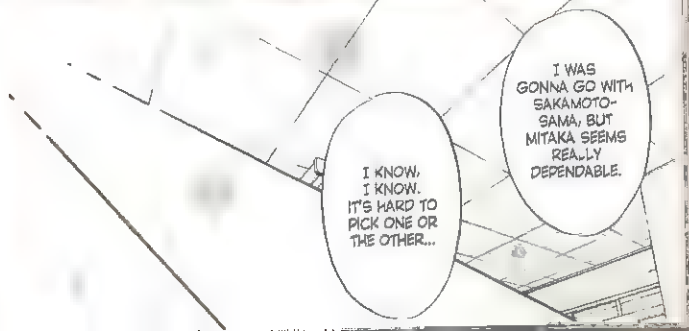
BLISS
HEALING
SO NICE!
HEALING
OHH..
YES.


I CAN'T SAY IF I'M WELL SUITED OR NOT... THAT SHOULD BE LEFT FOR ALL OF YOU TO DECIDE...
BUT I CAN SAY THAT IF I'M ELECTED PRESIDENT, I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN HERE AT OUR SCHOOL.


ELECTION CAMPAIGN
ELECTION DAY
WE ASK THAT VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGNS AND SUPPORT BE FAIR AND PEACEFUL
THE ELECTION'S ONLY TWO DAYS AWAY...
YEAH, ME TOO...
I'M STILL TRYING TO DECIDE...
DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE GONNA VOTE FOR? LIKE FOR PRESIDENT?


I KNOW, I KNOW. IT'S HARD TO PICK ONE OR THE OTHER...
I WAS GONNA GO WITH SAKAMOTO-SAMA, BUT MITAKA SEEMS REALLY DEPENDABLE.

I KNOW IT'S KIND OF LATE TO BRING THIS UP, BUT IS IT ALL RIGHT WHAT YOU'RE DOING?
I THOUGHT STUDENTS WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO INTERFERE IN THE ELECTION ANY WAY... MAYBE YOU'D BETTER ASK THE PRESIDENT IF IT'S --
WERE THEY? WE'D BETTER GO TRY THEM ON. SHOULD WE HEAD OVER NOW?
WEREN'T THEY SUPPOSED TO BE READY TODAY?
UM... HEY, GUYS...
IF THEY TOLD US "NO" NOW, WE'D BE SCREWED
OH, DON'T WORRY. WE MADE SURE TO ASK FOR HIS PERMISSION.
SHOULD WE GO TRY THEM ON?
YEAH, BEFORE WE END UP BEHIND SCHEDULE.
...
PLEASE! PLEASE! ANYTHING TO LIVEN THINGS UP!
BE MY GUEST!
EXCITEMENT WELCOME
HE SAID HE'D WELCOME ANYTHING THAT WOULD LIVEN UP THE ELECTION.
HE WAS TOTALLY FINE WITH IT
O-OH, OKAY...
NOT TOO SURPRISING
THEN
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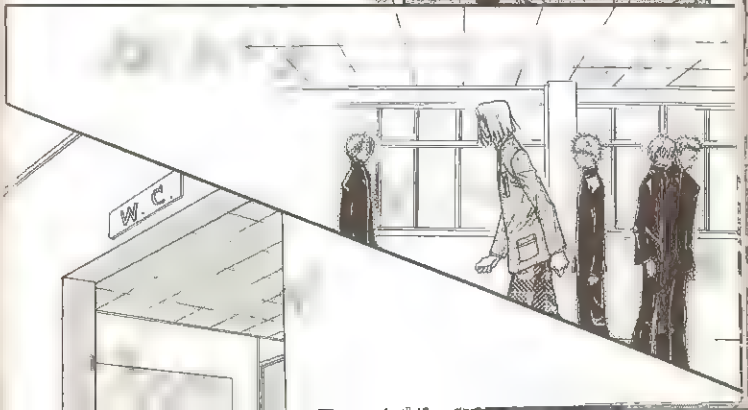
IF WE KEEP SHOWING EVERYONE HOW GREAT AKIRA IS LIKE THIS...
THE IDIOTS WHO STUMBLED OVER TO MITAKA'S SIDE WILL COME FLOCKING BACK!
THE WHOLE SCHOOL WAS ON SAKAMOTO'S SIDE TO BEGIN WITH ANYWAY!
THEN ON ELECTION DAY WE'LL BLOW EVERYONE AWAY WITH OUR SPECIALTY! AKIRA'S VICTORY IS ASSURED!
WE'LL JUST KEEP AT IT UNTIL TOMORROW...
STICK
REALLY DO THAT?
CAN THEY
WE DOOOOO!
OF COURSE!
I DOOO!
YEES!
NOW, DON'T YOU WANT EVERY DAY TO BE AS WONDERFUL AS THIS ONE?
THEN MAKE SURE YOU VOTE FOR AKIRA SAKAMOTO FOR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, OKAY?
OKAAAY!
YESSIR!
UNDERSTOOD
OKAY, I WILL!
YOU SHUT IT!
OUR WORK ON THIS FLOOR IS COMPLETE.
PLEN

WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T MITAKA-KUN.

OR ARE THEY PICKING ON ME TO BE "COOL"?
ARE THEY JUST FANATIC SAKAMOTO-FOLLOWERS.
YOU KNOW, IT KIND OF PISSES ME OFF THAT YOU DECIDED TO BUTT IN WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW A *THING* ABOUT OUR SCHOOL.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH IT IS, REALLY
NOW, WHAT TO DO...?
WE'VE GOT SAKAMOTO-SAMA -- WE DON'T NEED YOU AT THIS SCHOOL, GOT IT?
PRETTY AMAZING, AREN'T YOU? RUNNING FOR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AFTER BARELY TRANSFERRING HERE...
YOU THINK YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN?
YOU'RE UP AGAINST SAKAMOTO-SAMA, MAN.
NO WAY!

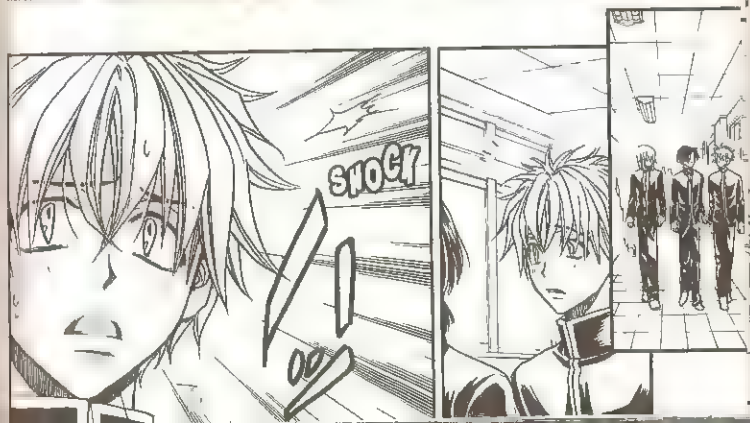
NEED SOME-THING, MITAKA?
CANDIDATE PRESIDENT
I'M GOING TO THE RESTROOM. TAKE A BREAK WHILE I'M GONE.
SURE.

CHATTER
CHATTER
SLIP


W.C.

RUN!!
SHOVE
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?!
SHIT! IT'S SAKAMOTO-SAMA!
WHAM
GUH ...!
CRACK
MY BACK

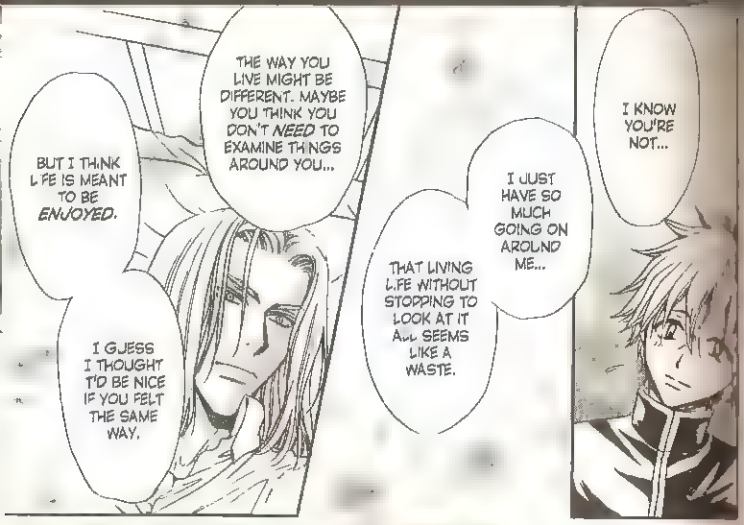
LET GO.
GRIP
TWITCH
GRAB
HEY! YOU LISTENING, MITAKA?
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU CAN'T HEAR US, YOU LITTLE PUNK!


SHOCK

BUT... THE NURSE ISN'T HERE RIGHT NOW...
LET THE PEOPLE FROM HIS OWN CLASS TAKE CARE OF HIM.
THAT'S HOW IT NORMALLY WORKS
COME ON, AKIRA! WE TOOK HIM TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE, NOW LET'S GO.
HE'S SURE TO ANNOY ME IF HE COMES HERE...
THAT, GUY?
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...!!
THAT'LL DO! RIGHT?
WE'LL GO GET MIKOTO, THEN.

MY... BACK...
ARE YOU OKAY? WHERE ARE YOU HURT? YOUR HEAD?
I LET MY GUARD DOWN...
MITAKA-KUN!
SLIDE
ズル
I TH.NK...
CAN YOU WA.K?
LET'S GET YOU TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
NURSE'S OFFICE

I THOUGHT YOU HIT YOUR BACK!
UH?
WHAT'S YOUR HEAD GOT TO DO WITH IT?!
HEY!
UGH, MY HEAD...
PLEASE STOP SCREAMING ALREADY
HEEEY!!
YOU CHEEKY LITTLE BASTARD!!
AKIRA ISN'T OBLIGATED TO STAY HERE WITH YOU!!
HE... HE...
HE'S FAKING IT?
THIS IS THE NURSE'S OFFICE
GUYS, DON'T YELL SO LOUD.
HE IRKS ME SO MUCH!
WHAT?!
OH, AND LET MY TEACHER KNOW MITAKA'S, TOO
THE TWO OF YOU CAN HEAD BACK. I'LL STAY HERE WITH HIM.
YELL
YELL
PLEASE, YOU TWO. JUST GO.
DON'T LISTEN TO HIS SELFISH LITTLE REQUESTS!
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS GUY?!
YELL
YELL
MITAKA-KUN?
GRAB
SAKAMOTO ...
I WANT YOU TO STAY HERE WITH ME.

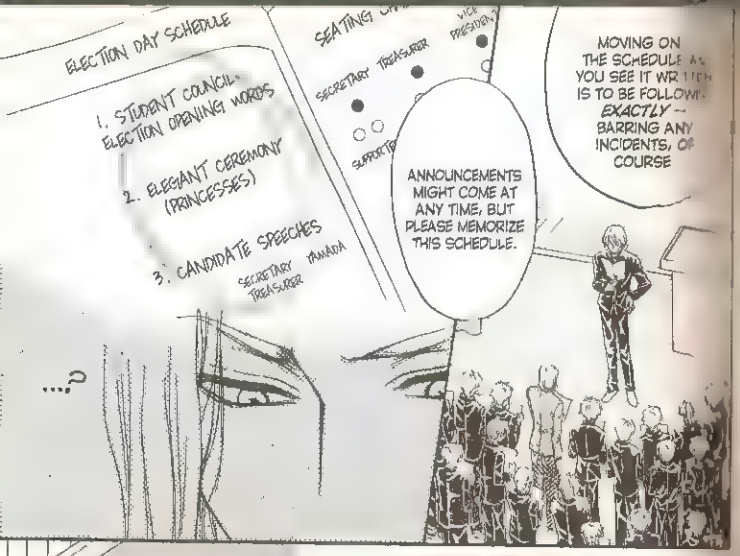

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT...
I JUST HAVE SO MUCH GOING ON AROUND ME...
THAT LIVING LIFE WITHOUT STOPPING TO LOOK AT IT ALL SEEMS LIKE A WASTE.
THE WAY YOU LIVE MIGHT BE DIFFERENT. MAYBE YOU THINK YOU DON'T NEED TO EXAMINE THINGS AROUND YOU...
BUT I THINK LIFE IS MEANT TO BE ENJOYED.
I GUESS I THOUGHT I'D BE NICE IF YOU FELT THE SAME WAY.

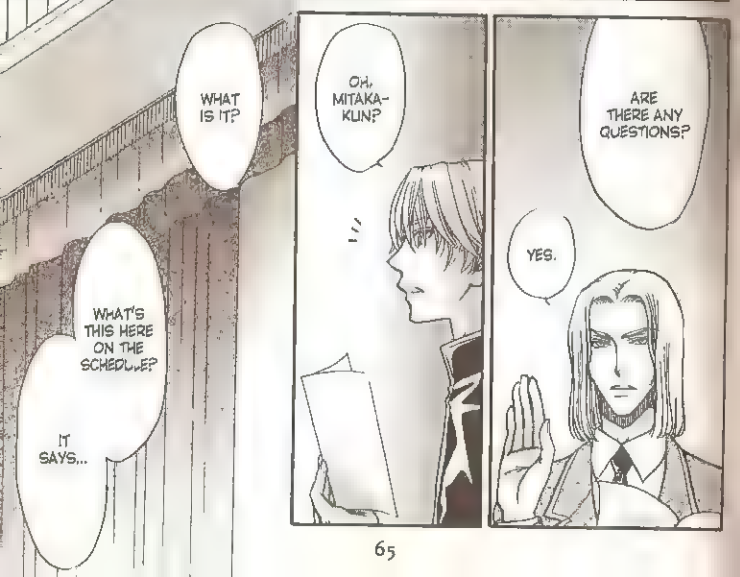
THE THINGS YOU SAY... ARE THINGS I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF BEFORE, NOR HAS ANYONE EVER SAID THEM TO ME...

SHAKE
DON'T LAY A FINGER ON AKIRA OR YOU'RE DEAD, MITAKA!!
SHAKE
SLIDE
...FINE...
POUT
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE ASKED HIM THAT
WHY'S HE HAVE TO LOOK AFTER MITAKA?

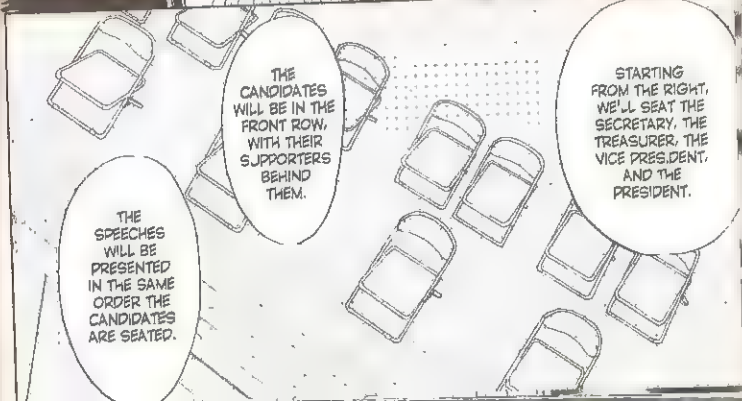
I'M STRONG.
I DON'T NEED YOU WORRYING ABOUT ME. I'M NOT SOME WEAKLING
SORRY THEY WERE SO LOUD.
I DON'T REALLY CARE.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL YOU...

I'M GLAD.
TO BE HONEST...
I'M CONFUSED.
WHAT A MYSTERIOUS PERSON.
HE SLIPS RIGHT INTO YOUR HEART
AKIRA SAKAMOTO.
AND YET YOU DON'T FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE.
...
BUT...
IT'S NOT A BAD FEELING.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN I INTEND TO LOSE TO YOU IN THE ELECTION!
OKAY...

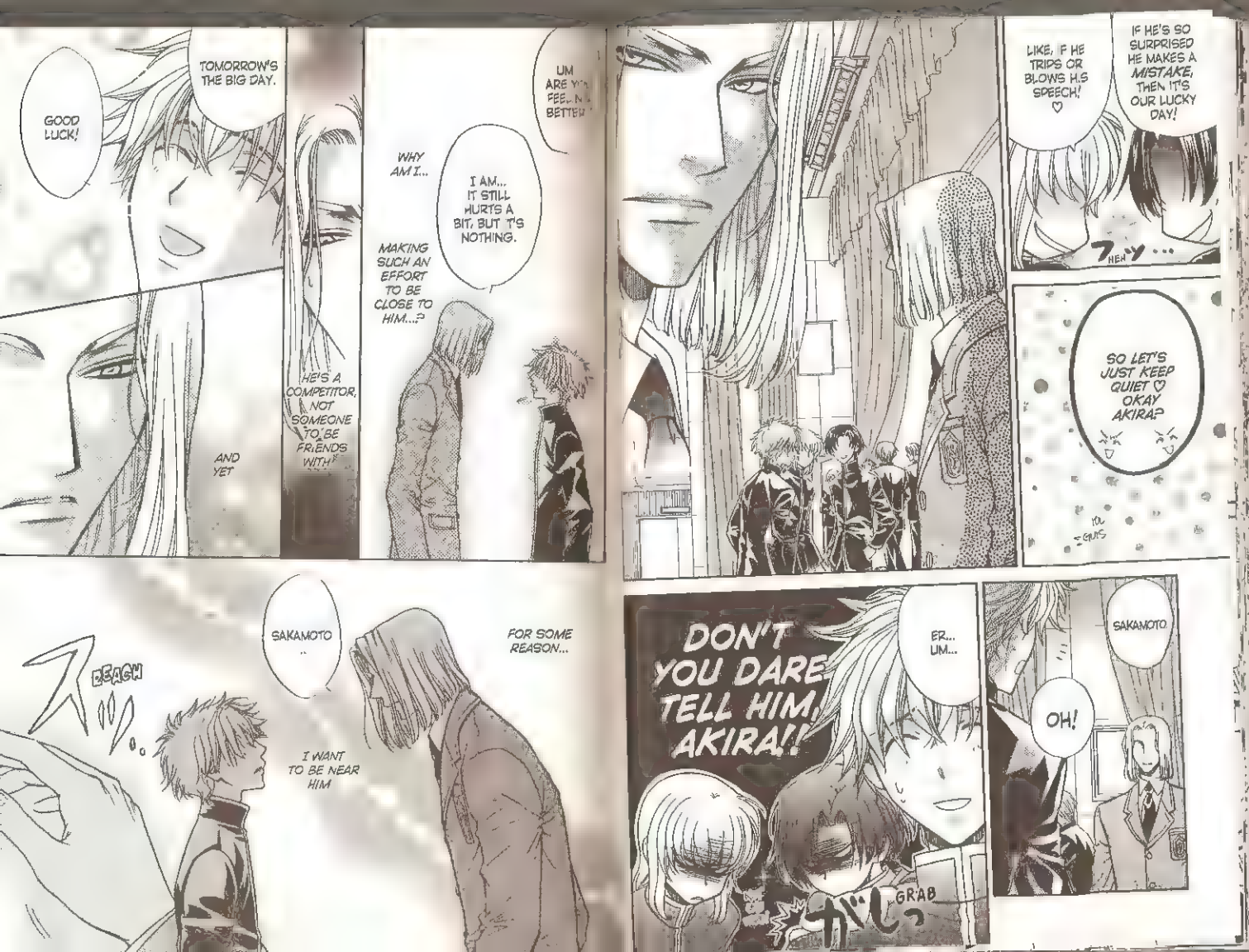

ELECTION DAY SCHEDULE
1. STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION OPENING WORDS
2. ELEGANT CEREMONY (PRINCESSES)
3. CANDIDATE SPEECHES
SECRETARY TAMADA
TREASURER
SEATING
SECRETARY
TREASURER
VICE PRESIDENT
SUPPORTERS
ANNOUNCEMENTS MIGHT COME AT ANY TIME, BUT PLEASE MEMORIZE THIS SCHEDULE.
MOVING ON THE SCHEDULE AS YOU SEE IT WRITTEN IS TO BE FOLLOWED EXACTLY -- BARRING ANY INCIDENTS, OF COURSE


WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S THIS HERE ON THE SCHEDULE?
IT SAYS...
OH, MITAKA-KUN?
ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?
YES.

NOW, I'D LIKE TO REHEARSE TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE. SO PLEASE OPEN UP YOUR PROGRAMS.
FLAP


THE CANDIDATES WILL BE IN THE FRONT ROW, WITH THEIR SUPPORTERS BEHIND THEM.
STARTING FROM THE RIGHT, WE'LL SEAT THE SECRETARY, THE TREASURER, THE VICE PRESIDENT, AND THE PRESIDENT.
THE SPEECHES WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE SAME ORDER THE CANDIDATES ARE SEATED.

"ELEGANT CEREMONY"...? WHAT HAPPENS THEN? AND IT HAS "PRINCESSES" WRITTEN UNDER IT...?
SHUDDER
CRUMPLE
I SEE...
IT'S ONLY BEEN TWO WEEKS SINCE YOU TRANSFERRED, AND YOU'VE BEEN SO BUSY WITH THE ELECTION...
IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW.
IF ANYTHING, HE PROBABLY TRIED TO HIDE IT FROM HIM AT ALL COSTS!
MIKOTO'S NOT THE TYPE TO TELL MITAKA HIMSELF, THOUGH.
YOU... DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE PRINCESSES? ISN'T MIKOTO IN YOUR CLASS?
LOOK MIKOTO TURNED WHITE!
THE ELEGANT CEREMONY IS MEANT TO BUILD ANTICIPATION AND EXCITEMENT FOR THE ELECTION -- LIKE LIGHTING A CEREMONIAL CANDLE...
AND THE PRINCESSES ARE OUR FLAME!
IT'S DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN. I THINK YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ONCE YOU SEE FOR YOURSELF.
I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TOMORROW. SO, UNTIL THEN
ARE THERE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?
IF NOT, THEN OUR REHEARSAL IS OVER.
DISMISSED!
GUYS... WON'T MITAKA BE SURPRISED IF HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION? MAYBE WE SHOULD TELL HIM..
EVEN IF IT'S HARD
FORGET IT. ARISADA DIDN'T TELL HIM BECAUSE HE WANTS HIM TO BE SURPRISED.
I'LL BET HE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO WATCHING HOW MITAKA REACTS WHEN HE SEES US.
ALSO...
I WANNA SEE IT TOO
HEH
DIDN'T YOU SEE HIM SMIRK?


GOOD LUCK!
TOMORROW'S THE BIG DAY.
HE'S A COMPETITOR, NOT SOMEONE TO BE FRIENDS WITH.
AND YET
UM ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?
I AM... IT STILL HURTS A BIT, BUT IT'S NOTHING.
WHY AM I...
MAKING SUCH AN EFFORT TO BE CLOSE TO HIM...?
IF HE'S SO SURPRISED HE MAKES A MISTAKE, THEN IT'S OUR LUCKY DAY!
LIKE, IF HE TRIPS OR BLOWS HIS SPEECH! ♡
THEN Y...
SO LET'S JUST KEEP QUIET ♡ OKAY AKIRA?
YOU GUYS
DON'T YOU DARE TELL HIM, AKIRA!!
ER... UM...
GRAB
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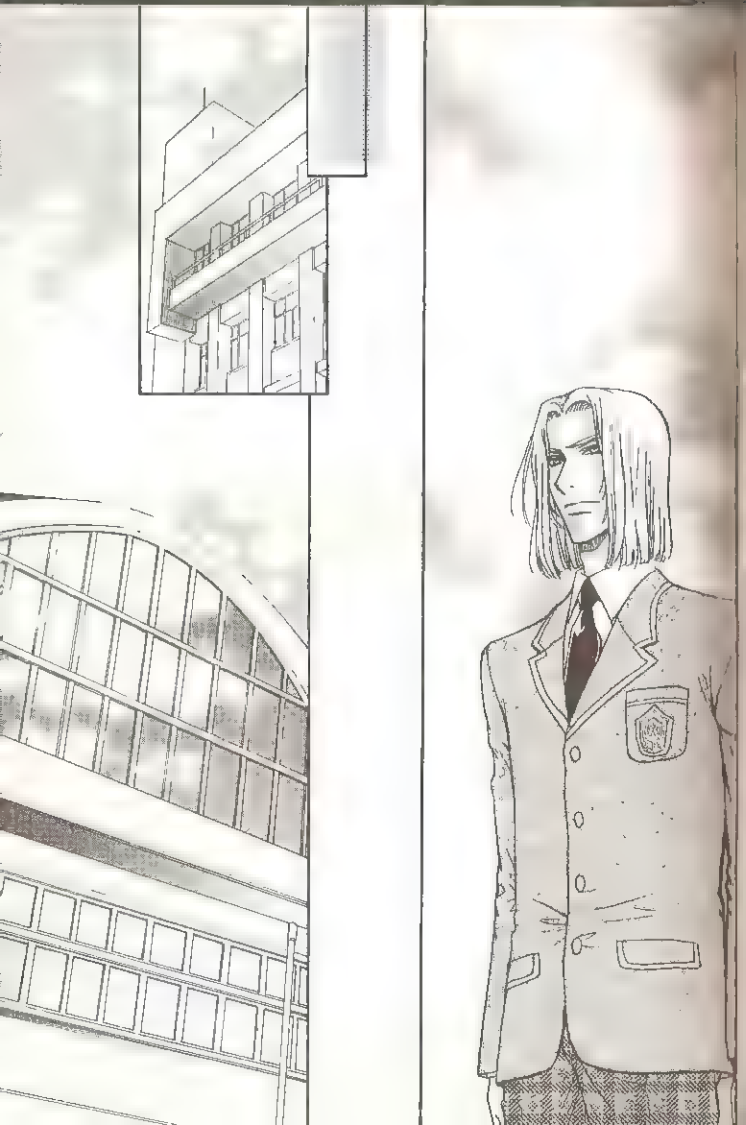
SAKAMOTO
OH!
SAKAMOTO..
FOR SOME REASON...
I WANT TO BE NEAR HIM
REACH



OKAY, REHEARS-AL'S OVER!

WHAT'S THAT WEIRD VIBE I'M GETTING?

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

LET'S HEAD HOME, AKIRA!

YANK

WHOA!

BYE, MR. TAKA-KUN!

HE'S YOUR ENEMY UNTIL TOMORROW! CAN'T GO SOFT ON HIM NOW!

C'MON, C'MON!

PULL

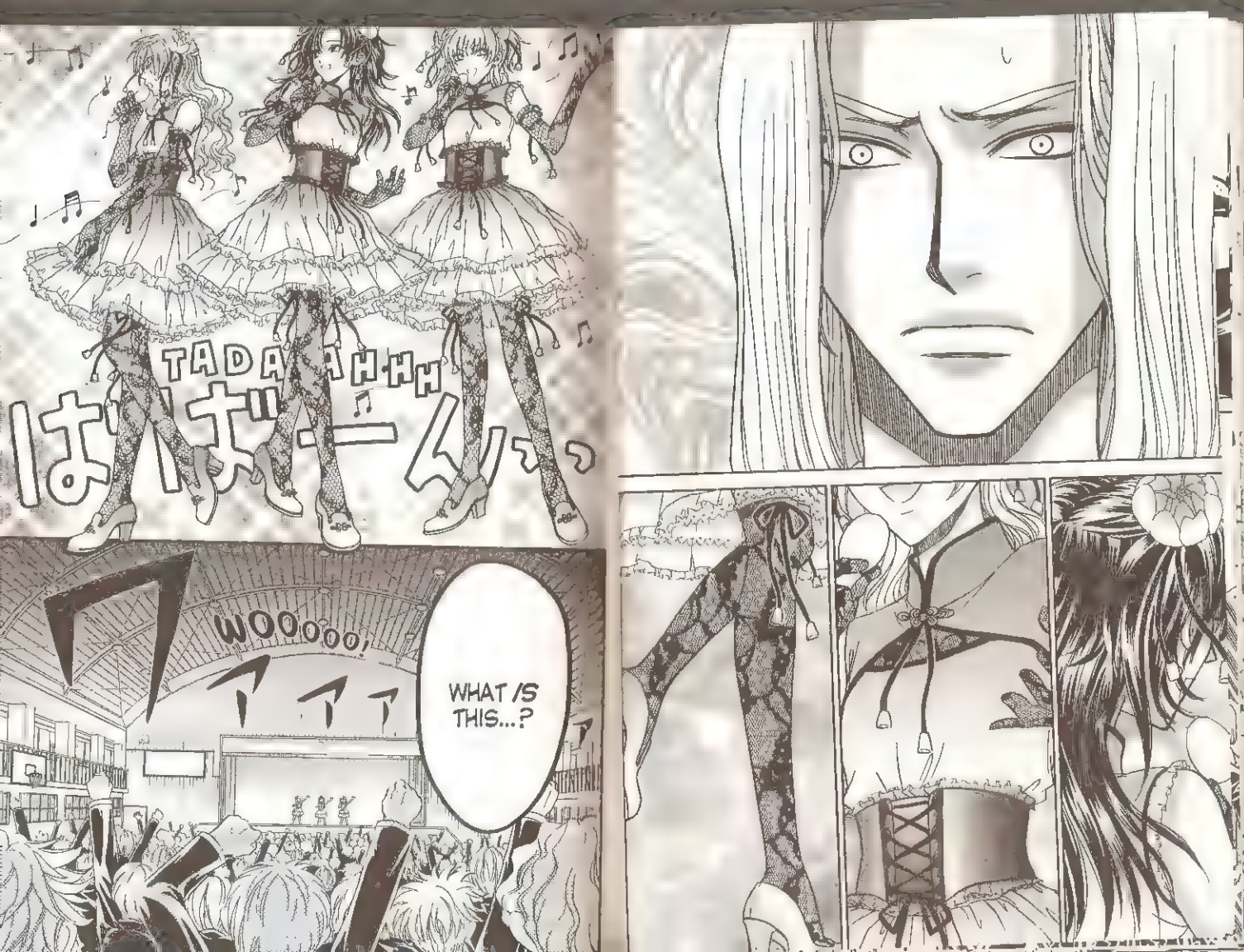
PULL

PULL

BUT ...

WAIT ...

DRAG DRAG DRAG


TADA AHHH
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WOOOOO!
アアア
WHAT IS THIS...?

THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD AS PLANNED, OF COURSE. BUT WHO SAYS WE CAN'T HAVE A LITTLE FUN WITH IT?
SO YOU'RE DISREGARDING THE ELECTION?!
GRANTED, THE STUDENT COUNCIL MUST LEAD A MAJORITY OF THE TIME...
BUT IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO GIVE THE STUDENTS WHAT THEY WANT.
SERIOUS EVENTS, SUCH AS THIS ELECTION, NEED THAT EXTRA SPARK TO GET THE STUDENTS ENERGIZED!
EXCITEMENT!!
UH, HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS
MOTIVATION...
RELIEF..
?
THEY NEED AN OUTLET FOR THAT STRESS. THEY NEED RELIEF AND MOTIVATION ...
COULDN'T YOU USE A LITTLE YOURSELF?
JUST LOOK AT THEM -- THEY'RE HAVING A BLAST!
DO YOU KNOW WHY THEY'RE SO EXCITED?
THEIR GRADES
THEIR FUTURES
RELATIONSHIPS AND PERSONAL PROBLEMS..
THE THINGS EVERYONE THINKS ABOUT
THEIR STRESS BUILDS-UP FROM A NUMBER OF THINGS...

IT'S THANKS TO THEM THAT OUR HALLS ARE NOT FILLED WITH WILD, UNRULY, EXTREMELY FRUSTRATED STUDENTS.
BURDENED WITH THE TASK OF MOTIVATING THE HEARTS OF THE STUDENTS OF AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL, THEY ARE THE PRINCESSES...
THEY'RE OUR SCHOOL'S SAVIORS AND GODDESSES. CUTE, HM?
AS I SAID, IT'S MUCH EASIER TO UNDERSTAND ONCE YOU SEE IT YOURSELF.
ARE YOU SURPRISED?
UM
THEY'RE "PRINCESSES," AND...
INDEED ...
HARDLY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM REAL GIRLS.
IT'S RELEVANT BECAUSE SCHOOL EVENTS NEED EXCITEMENT. EXCITEMENT!
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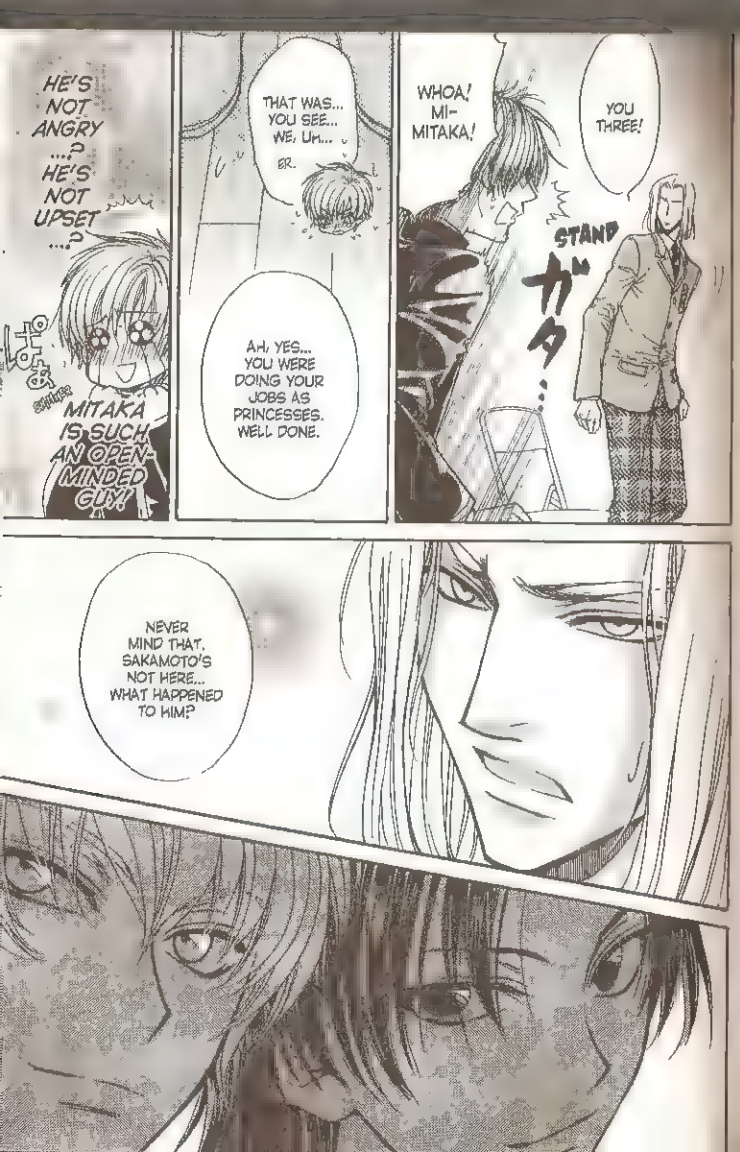
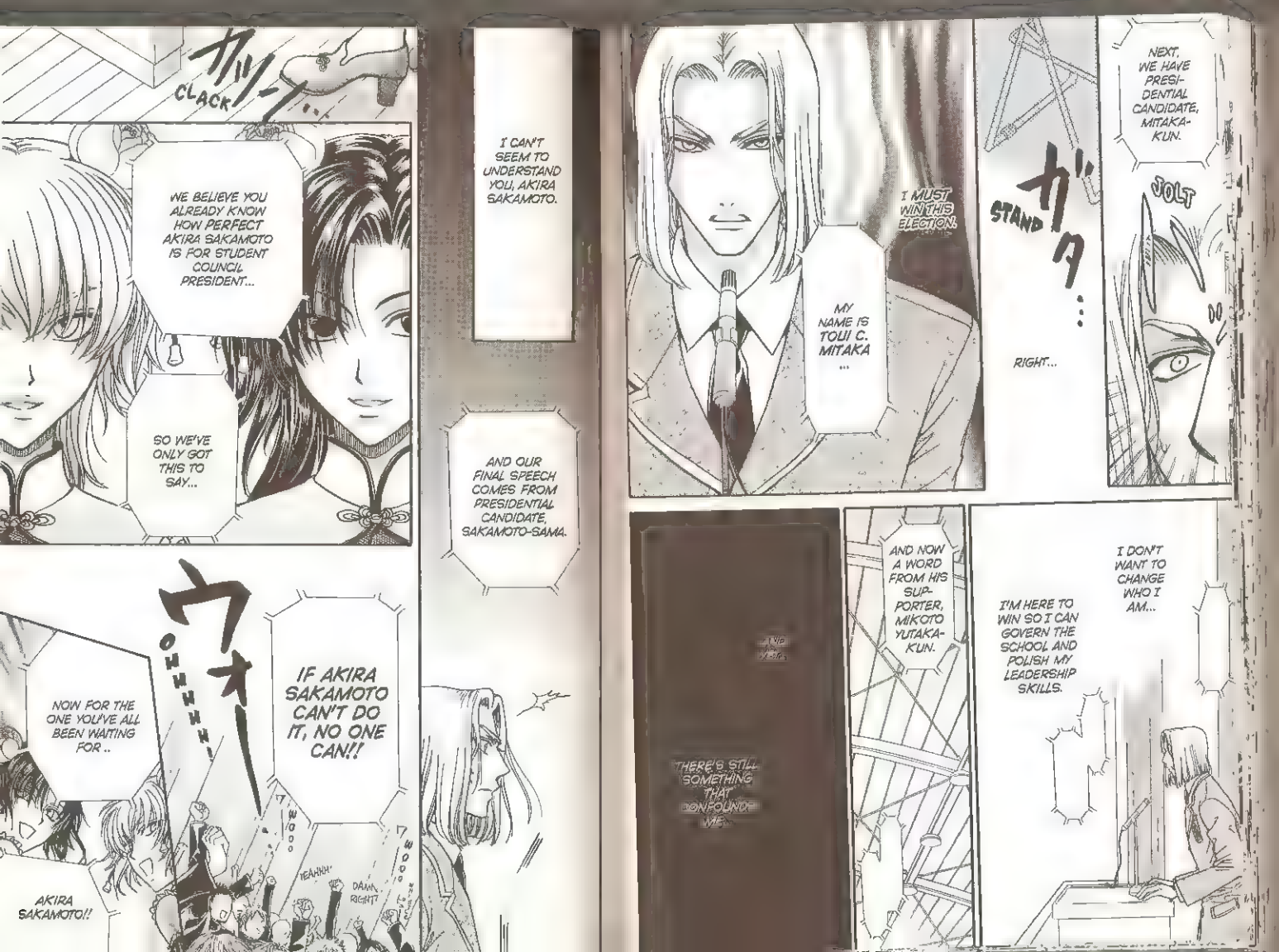
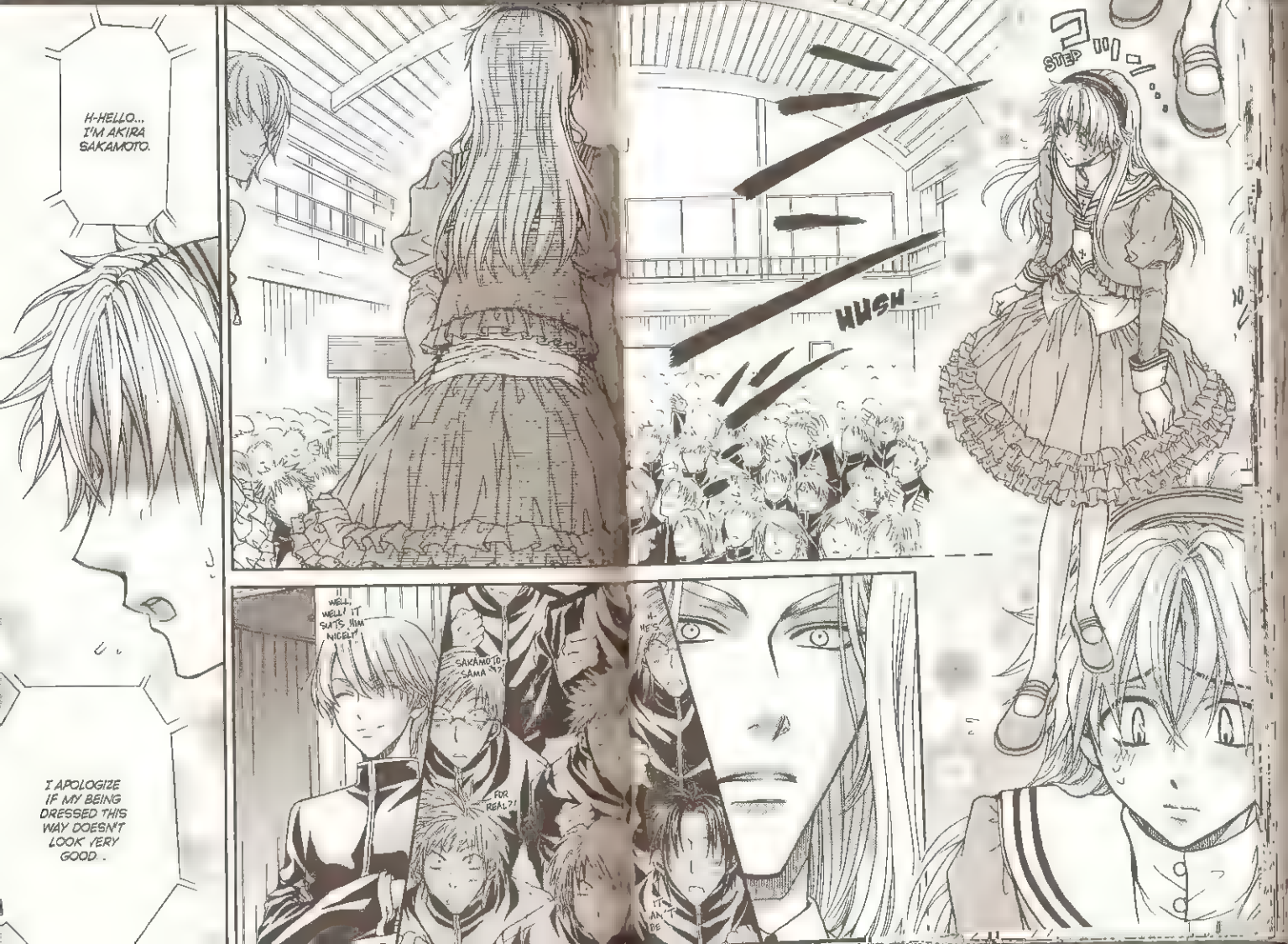
HOW IS THIS RELEVANT?
BUT IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY ON ELECTION DAY?


HE'S NOT ANGRY ...? HE'S NOT UPSET ...?
SHIVER
MITAKA IS SUCH AN OPEN-MINDED GUY!
THAT WAS... YOU SEE... WE, UM... ER.
AH, YES... YOU WERE DOING YOUR JOBS AS PRINCESSES. WELL DONE.
WHOA! MI-MITAKA!
YOU THREE!
STAND
ガタ…
NEVER MIND THAT. SAKAMOTO'S NOT HERE... WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

NEXT, EACH CANDIDATE WILL DELIVER A SPEECH.
PLEASE WAIT MOMENTARILY WHILE WE PREPARE THE STAGE.
DID EVERYONE ENJOY THE PRINCESSES' PERFORMANCE?
WHILE WE WERE CHATTING AWAY, THE PRINCESSES LEFT THE STAGE.
WE'D BETTER GET GOING ...
GAB
GAB
GAB
DAMN, THEY'RE CUTE
THAT WAS GREAT!
WE TOLD YOU WE'D USE EVERYTHING AT OUR DISPOSAL.
OF COURSE.
ARE YOU GUYS REALLY GOING TO GO UP THERE DRESSED LIKE THAT?

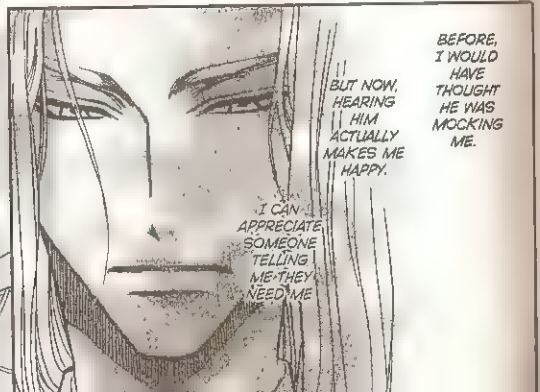
SAKAMOTO...
WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OUR FIRST CANDIDATE IS YAMADA-KUN.
RISE
WHAT AM I THINKING? WHAT DOES IT EVEN MATTER...?
I SHOULDN'T BE THINKING ABOUT ANYTHING BUT WINNING...
SAKAMOTO AND I ARE RIVALS VYING FOR THE SAME POSITION.
I WONDER HOW THINGS WILL BE AFTER THE ELECTION HAS ENDED...?
SINK
SKRR
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A SEAT? THEY'LL BE STARTING ANY MOMENT.
BUT DON'T WORRY — HE WON'T MISS HIS SPEECH.
SOME-THING CAME UP, SO HE'LL BE LATE.
CLACK
THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PATIENCE. WE WILL NOW PRESENT THE CANDIDATES' SPEECHES.
CHEER
CLAP CLAP
OKAY, OPEN THE CURTAINS!

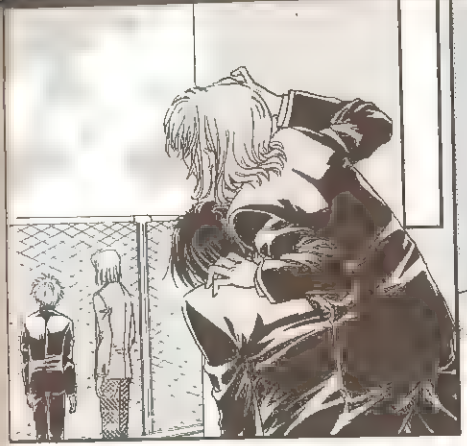

CLACK
WE BELIEVE YOU ALREADY KNOW HOW PERFECT AKIRA SAKAMOTO IS FOR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT...
SO WE'VE ONLY GOT THIS TO SAY...
I CAN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND YOU, AKIRA SAKAMOTO.
AND OUR FINAL SPEECH COMES FROM PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, SAKAMOTO-SAMA.
I MUST WIN THIS ELECTION.
MY NAME IS TOUI C. MITAKA ...
STAND
RIGHT...
NEXT, WE HAVE PRESI-DENTIAL CANDIDATE, MITAKA-KUN.
JOLT
DO
AND NOW A WORD FROM HIS SUP-PORTER, MIKOTO YUTAKA-KUN.
I'M HERE TO WIN SO I CAN GOVERN THE SCHOOL AND POLISH MY LEADERSHIP SKILLS.
I DON'T WANT TO CHANGE WHO I AM...
THERE'S STILL SOMETHING THAT CONFOUNDS ME.
NOW FOR THE ONE YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR ..
AKIRA SAKAMOTO!!
IF AKIRA SAKAMOTO CAN'T DO IT, NO ONE CAN!!
OHHHHH!
WOOO
YEAHHH
DAMN RIGHT
WOOO


H-HELLO... I'M AKIRA SAKAMOTO.
I APOLOGIZE IF MY BEING DRESSED THIS WAY DOESN'T LOOK VERY GOOD.
HUSH
STEP
WELL, WELL! IT SUITS HIM NICELY!
SAKAMOTO-SAMA?
FOR REAL?!
HE'S
IT'S AN ABE

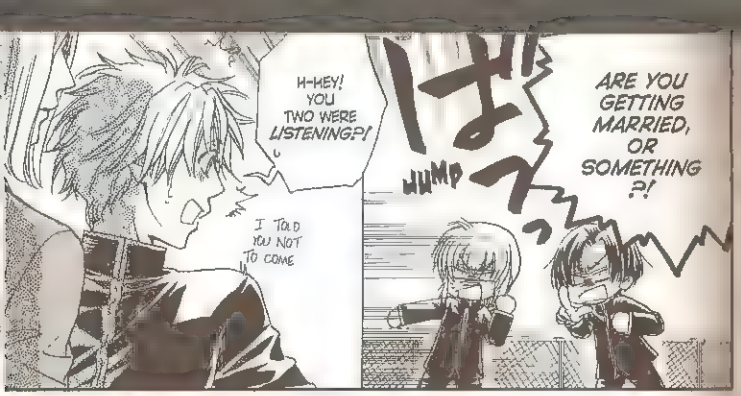
A GRAND FINALE
SA-
KA-
MO-
TO
!!
PERFECT!
YES!
IF YOU WISH TO BE A STUDENT UNDER SUCH POLICIES...
THEN PLEASE CHOOSE AKIRA SAKAMOTO FOR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!
IF I'M CHOSEN TO BE YOUR PRESIDENT...
I WILL UPHOLD POLICIES THAT FOCUS ON THE STUDENTS ...
ALLOWING THEM TO GROW AND MASTER THEIR STUDIES IN AN AFFABLE ENVIRONMENT THAT LETS THEM ENJOY SCHOOL LIFE.
ROOOAR!!
SAKAMOTO-SAMA!
WE'RE WITH YOU!
SAKAMOTO-SAMA!
RU RULE, SAKAMOTO-SAMA!
WHISTLE

PLEASE DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY...
BUT I'D LIKE YOU TO BE MY ASSIST-ANT.
UM... I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING
WHAT?
CONGRATU-LATIONS.
MITAKA-KUN...
I NEED YOUR HE.P. I WANT YOU WITH ME TO COMPENSATE FOR THE TH'NGS I .ACK
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF CONFIDENCE AND CONDUCT YOURSELF WITH COMPOSURE
YOU HAVE MANY TALENTS THAT I DON'T...


I WONDER IF I CAN GROW EVEN MORE THAN I HAVE ..?
I CAN APPRECIATE SOMEONE TELLING ME THEY NEED ME
BUT NOW, HEARING HIM ACTUALLY MAKES ME HAPPY.
BEFORE, I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT HE WAS MOCKING ME.

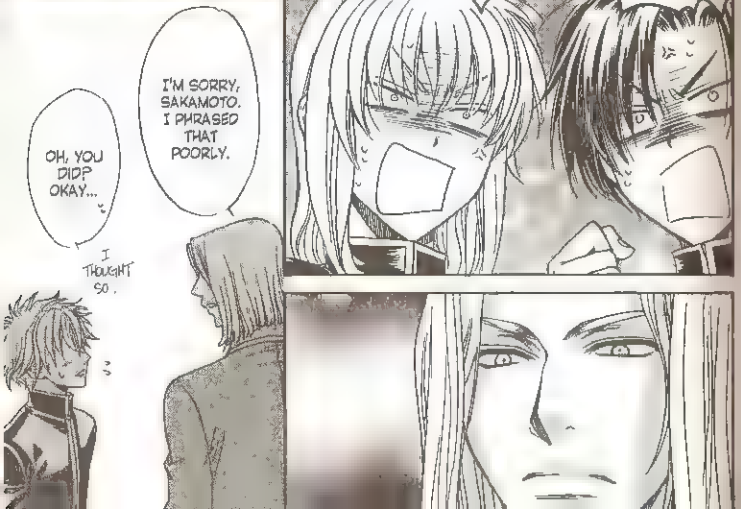


WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES MITAKA WANT TO TALK TO AKIRA ABOUT? I KNEW WE SHOULD'VE GONE WITH HIM...
AKIRA TOLD US NOT TO GO WITH HIM.
NOT THAT IT STOPPED US.
STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
AKIRA SAKAMOTO
VICE PRESIDENT


H-HEY! YOU TWO WERE LISTENING?!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME
JUMP
ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED, OR SOMETHING ?!

ALL RIGHT, THEN

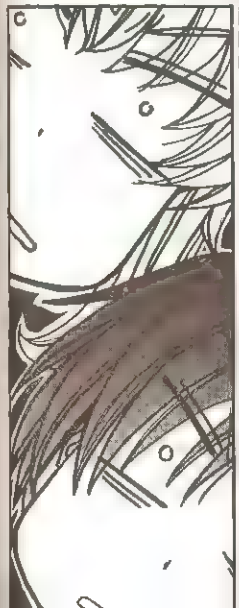
GUYS PLEASE CALM DOWN, PLEASE
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE ACTING ALL COOL AND TALKING DOWN TO PEOPLE LIKE THAT!!
AKIRA WON'T BECOME ONE OF YOUR PERSONAL BELONGINGS, YOU SHAMELESS BASTARD!!


OH, YOU DID? OKAY...
I'M SORRY, SAKAMOTO. I PHRASED THAT POORLY.
I THOUGHT SO.

MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU, AS WELL...
OH? WHAT'S THAT?

I'LL DO IT.
GIVE ME DEPTH...
OH! REALLY?! THANKS!
WHAT?! HE AGREED!
AKIRA YOU MORON! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

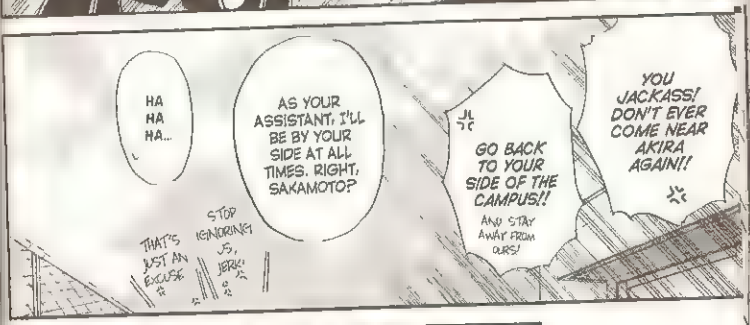
SO... YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED, THEN ...?
BEING WITH SAKAMOTO MIGHT CHANGE ME QUITE A BIT...

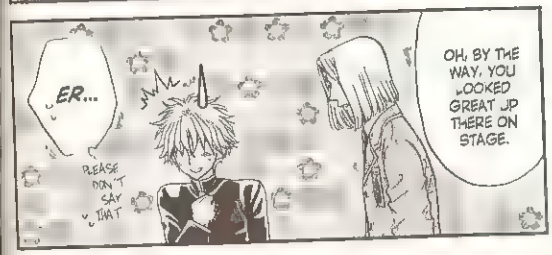


I WANT TO BE WITH YOU, NOW AND FOREVER.
IF I STAY BY HIS SIDE!

THERE'S NO WALL SEPARATING US AND IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE'S ACTIVELY PUSHING ME AWAY.
BUT I STILL FEEL.
AS THOUGH THERE'S AN INVISIBLE BARRIER... ONE I CAN'T STEP THROUGH.

I MEANT TO SAY, WILL YOU HAVE ME WITH YOU NOW AND FOREVER?
THAT'S THE SAME THING!!
IDIOT!
YOU WHACKO!


HA HA HA...
AS YOUR ASSISTANT, I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE AT ALL TIMES. RIGHT, SAKAMOTO?
YOU JACKASS! DON'T EVER COME NEAR AKIRA AGAIN!!
GO BACK TO YOUR SIDE OF THE CAMPUS!!
AND STAY AWAY FROM OURS!
THAT'S JUST AN EXCUSE
STOP IGNORING US, JERK!


ER...
PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT
OH, BY THE WAY, YOU LOOKED GREAT UP THERE ON STAGE.

STUDENT
OFFICE
SO...
YOUR NEXT JOB AS PRINCESSES 'S AT THE SEASON'S FINAL BASEBALL GAME.
IT'S YOUR LAST ONE FOR THE SEMESTER, SO DO YOUR BEST, OKAY?
TWITCH
YES, WE'RE WELL AWARE OF OUR JOBS...
BUT MORE IMPORT-ANTLY ...
TWITCH
YEAH, YEAH -- WE KNOW...
IRK

I KNOW...
I KNOW THIS BARRIER IS SOMETHING THAT I ALONE CREATED .
WHICH MEANS ONLY I CAN OPEN IT AGAIN.

"AKIRA"!
HE... HE'S CALLING HIM BY HIS FIRST NAME
HUH? THAT'S FINE. I DON'T MIND
HEY, AKIRA! THIS IMPOLITE JERK IS USING YOUR FIRST NAME AS IF HE KNOWS YOU! YOU GONNA TAKE THAT?!
HE ASKED THAT I CALL HIM BY HIS FIRST NAME, "TOU"...
SO I SAID I'D LIKE HIM TO CALL ME BY MY FIRST NAME, TOO.

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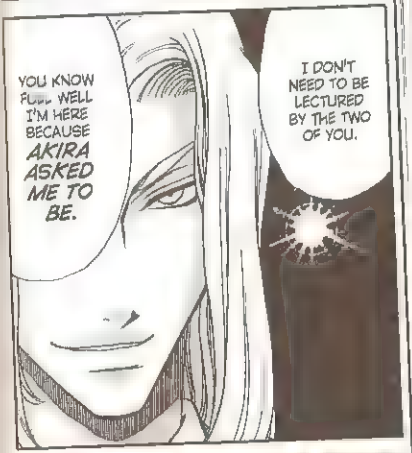
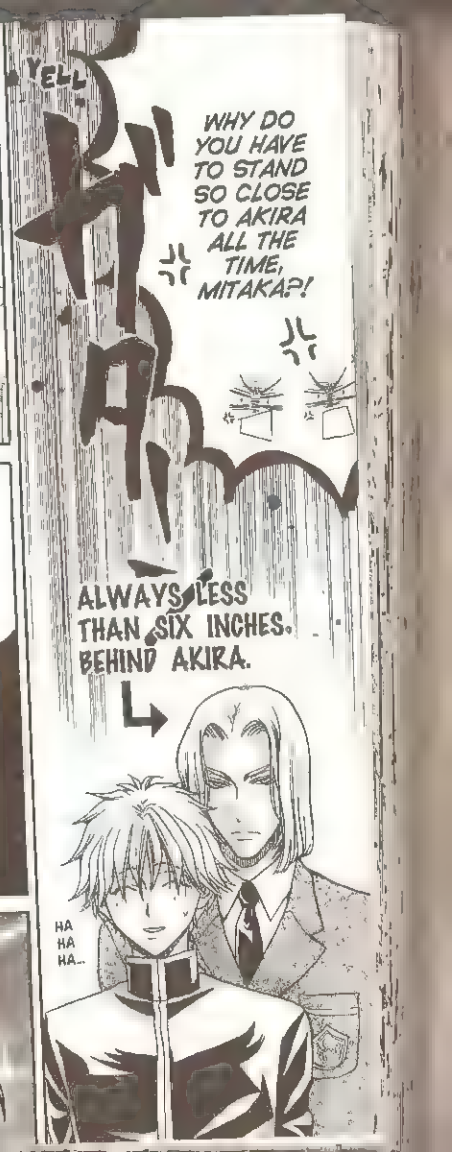
カッカー
THIS... CAN'T BE...
YOU'RE ALREADY USING EACH OTHER'S FIRST NAMES?! SINCE WHEN WERE YOU TWO SO CLOSE?

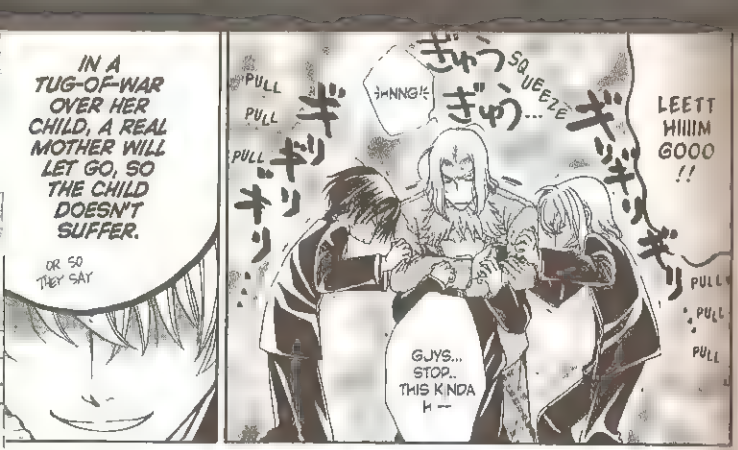
STOP TRYING TO SOUND LIKE YOU TWO ARE DATING, OR SOMETHING!

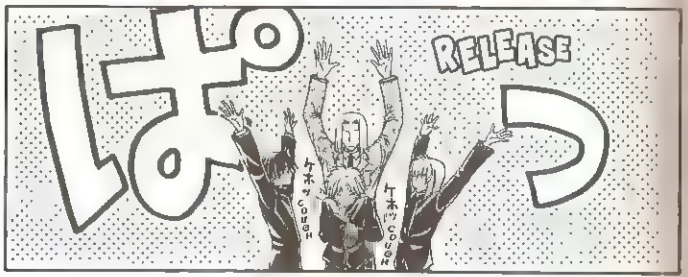
HEH HEH
RIGHT, AKIRA?
YEAH, SURE
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT TWO PEOPLE WHO'VE FORMED AS DEEP A BOND AS OURS WOULD USE FIRST NAMES

YEAH, WHAT IN THE WORLD FOR? IT'S NOT LIKE THIS ROOM IS CRAMPED OR ANYTHING!
SERIOUSLY. WHY ARE YOU STICKING SO CLOSE TO HIM?!


YOU KNOW FULL WELL I'M HERE BECAUSE AKIRA ASKED ME TO BE.
I DON'T NEED TO BE LECTURED BY THE TWO OF YOU.


YELL
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO STAND SO CLOSE TO AKIRA ALL THE TIME, MITAKA?!
ALWAYS LESS THAN SIX INCHES. BEHIND AKIRA.
HA HA HA...


IN A TUG-OF-WAR OVER HER CHILD, A REAL MOTHER WILL LET GO, SO THE CHILD DOESN'T SUFFER.
OR SO THEY SAY
PULL PULL PULL
ぎゅう SQUEEZE ぎゅう...
ギリギリギリ
JHNNG!
LEETT HIIIM GOOO !!
PULL PULL PULL
GUYS... STOP.. THIS KINDA H—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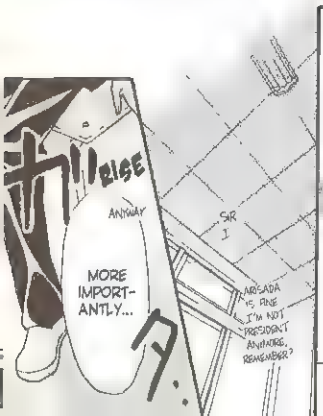
ANYWAY
MORE IMPORT-ANTLY...
SIGH
SIR
ARISADA IS FINE I'M NOT PRESIDENT ANYMORE, REMEMBER?

WELL, AT LEAST HE'S FREE NOW
SO, YOU'RE ALL SAKAMOTO-SAMA'S MOTHER, THEN?
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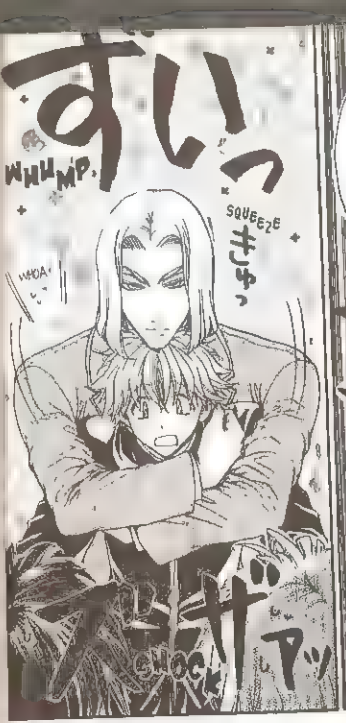
FUN HA HA HA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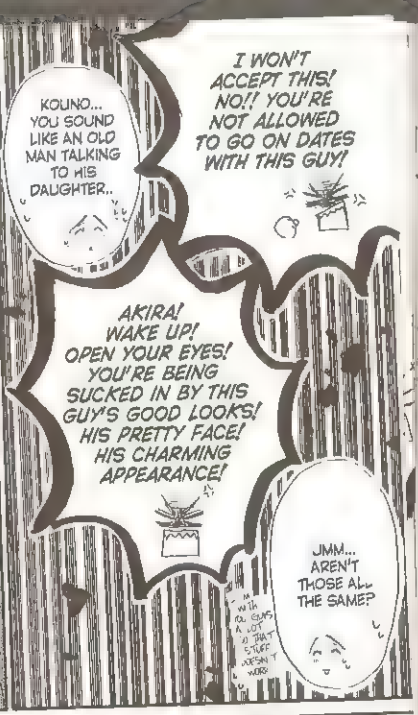
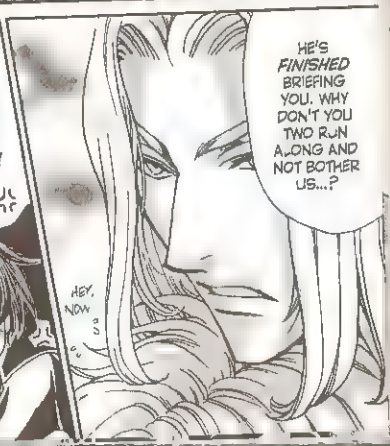

KOUNO... YOU SOUND LIKE AN OLD MAN TALKING TO HIS DAUGHTER..
I WON'T ACCEPT THIS! NO!! YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO GO ON DATES WITH THIS GUY!
AKIRA! WAKE UP! OPEN YOUR EYES! YOU'RE BEING SUCKED IN BY THIS GUY'S GOOD LOOKS! HIS PRETTY FACE! HIS CHARMING APPEARANCE!
HMM... AREN'T THOSE ALL THE SAME?

STOP CLING NG TO AKIRA LIKE HE'S YOUR LITTLE STUFFED ANIMAL!!
HEY! WHO SAID WE'RE FIN SHED! WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE?!


HE'S FINISHED BRIEFING YOU. WHY DON'T YOU TWO RUN ALONG AND NOT BOTHER US...?
HEY, NOW

YOU'D BETTER WATCH WHAT YOU SAY, OR POOR LITTLE SAKAMOTO-SAMA WILL GET MY SPECIAL TREATMENT. ♡
CAREFUL!
WHOA!
AKIRA!
YOU'RE THREATENING US NOW? COWARD!
PLEASE! LET GO OF HIM!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
HOW ABOUT YOU NOT COMING AT ALL? YOU'RE NOT PRESIDENT ANYMORE -- THE POSITION'S FILLED!
YOU'RE LIKE A POWER-HUNGRY OLD MAN, STILL CLINGING ON AFTER HE'S RETIRED. IT'S SICKENING!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT, SO I NEED YOU TO END MEETINGS PROMPTLY AND EFFICIENTLY.
I OVERHEARD YOU FROM THE CORNER. YOU CAN'T SIT AROUND FAWNING OVER EACH OTHER ALL DAY!
OH, MY!
BOLD
きっぱり!
YEAH, RIGHT -- I DON'T BELIEVE YOU FOR A SECOND!
SNAP
ビシィ!
ALL YOU WANT TO DO IS MAKE SURE THINGS CARRY ON EXACTLY LIKE YOU PLANNED!
SO CRUEL
TO THINK, I CAME OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF MY HEART TO HELP YOU GET SETTLED IN, AND YOU REPAY MY KINDNESS LIKE THIS...

HE JUST PRETENDS TO BE THAT KIND OF GUY WHENEVER HE'S IN PUBLIC. ESPECIALLY IF IT'LL WIN HIM VOTES!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HE'S HAD THAT HAUGHTY ATTITUDE EVER SINCE THE BEGINNING!
IN FRONT OF US HE HAS!
I JUST -- I DIDN'T KNOW MITAKA WAS THAT KIND OF GUY...
I THOUGHT HE WAS MORE...
YOU KNOW... DIGNIFIED AND CHARISMATIC AND INTELLIGENT...
NO I'VE CHANGED NOW.
THANKS TO AKIRA HERE.
HE'S THE ONE WHO HELPED ME REALIZE THAT TAKING THE SHORTCUT ISN'T ALWAYS THE BEST OPTION.
AKIRA, MEETING YOU WAS A WONDERFUL BIT OF GOOD FORTUNE.
I HAVEN'T REALLY DONE ANYTHING
UH... HEY! COME ON, GUYS! CALM DOWN! LET'S FINISH THE MEETING, HUH? YEAH?
GLARE
ぐるる...
HM?
IF THAT'S WHAT SAKAMOTO-SAMA WANTS, THEN I WILL COMPLY.
I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE
RELEASE
WE CAN FINISH THE MEETING WITHOUT FIGHTING.
AR.SADA-SEMPA... THINGS WILL GET OUT OF HAND IF IT KEEPS UP LIKE THIS. PLEASE LET GO.
DO ANY OF YOU HAVE QUEST-IONS?
LET'S SEE... THE SCHEDULE IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS THE ONE FROM LAST SEMESTER, SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANYTHING UNFAMILIAR TO YOU...
WAS ACTUALLY THERE THE WHOLE TIME
ER... MIKOTO...?
YOU'RE ACTING A BIT STRANGE

SPLENDID!
WELL DONE!
I HAVE NO REASON TO WORRY NOW!
GREAT!
A PRESIDENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAME EVEN THE WILDEST OF HORSES.
NOT AT ALL.
AH WELL, YOU'RE ONE I COULDN'T TAME
I'M SORRY, AKIRA. THAT WAS CHILDISH
YOU'RE RIGHT, AKIRA.. SORRY.
WE'LL HAVE MORE SELF-CONTROL
IF YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING TO START BICKERING WHEN I'M NEAR YOU, THEN I'M SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO KEEP MY DISTANCE FROM NOW ON.
THAT WAY WE WON'T RUN INTO PROBLEMS, RIGHT?
I'LL KEEP MY DISTANCE UNTIL YOU CAN BE AROUND ME WITHOUT ARGU NG
VERR...

YELL
YOU CAN'T TELL?! WHATEVER. JUST STOP CLINGING TO AKIRA ALL THE TIME!!
YELL
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "AWKWARD"? I'M ACTING PERFECTLY NORMAL.
AHHH!!
DIDN'T WE TELL YOU TO STOP MAKING THINGS SO AWKWARD?!
YELL
HALT
STEP STEP STEP STEP
SEE, I TOLD YOU BEFORE, YOU CAN'T SIMPLY PLAY AROUND...
STAND
HM?
AKIRA?
DON'T COME OVER HERE.

HOW'D YOUR TESTS GO?
UMM, I DID OKAY, I GUESS...
THE CLASSICAL WRITING TEST WAS HARD, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE I STILL PASSED.
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DO YOU HAVE PLANS FOR THE BREAK?
HMMM...
AFTER THESE TESTS WE'VE GOT VACATION...
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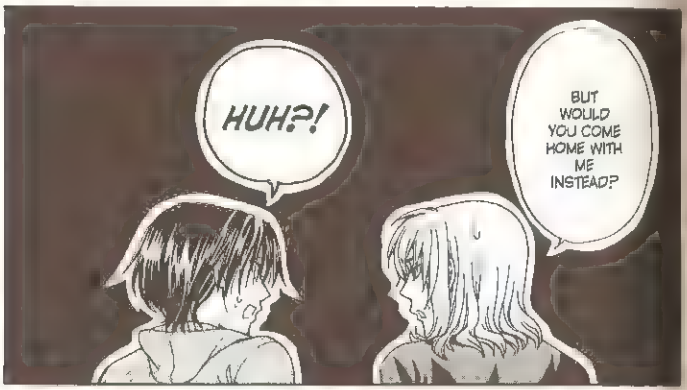
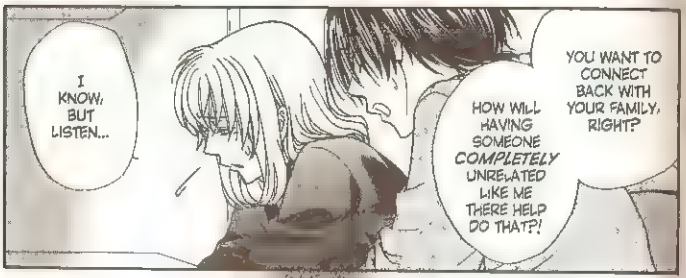
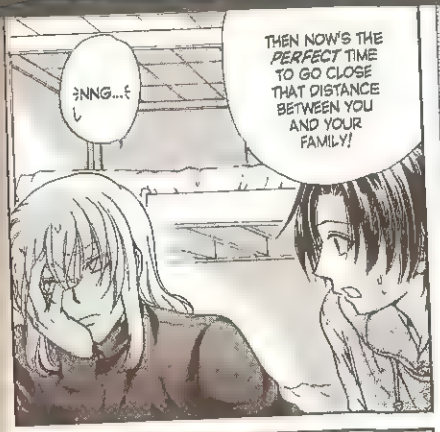
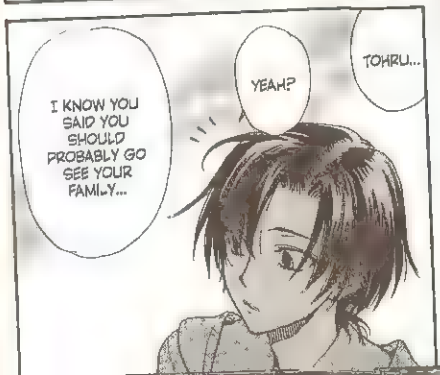
YOU DIDN'T SEEM UPSET WHEN YOU GOT BACK, SO I ASSUMED THINGS WENT FINE...
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE THINGS WENT PARTICULARLY BAD...
WAIT... SO THINGS DIDN'T GO SO WELL?
I THOUGHT ABOUT ASKING THEM ABOUT IT OUT OF THE BLUE...
BUT I ENDED UP NOT ASKING AT ALL.
IT'D BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'D SEEN EACH OTHER, SO IT WAS A BIT AWKWARD...
BUT I COULD TELL THEY WERE DOING THEIR BEST TO MAKE ME FEEL WELCOME.
THINGS GRADUALLY GOT MORE RELAXED, THOUGH...
NOW THAT THINGS HAVE SETTLED DOWN AT HOME, IT'D PROBABLY BE A GOOD IDEA TO HEAD OVER THERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE...
BUT HONESTLY, I'D RATHER HANG AROUND HERE IN THE DORM...
LESS STRESS
SIGH
SLUMP
BY THE WAY
ARE YOU GOING HOME OVER THE BREAK?
THINGS WENT PRETTY WELL WITH YOUR FAMILY LAST TIME, RIGHT?
HMMM...

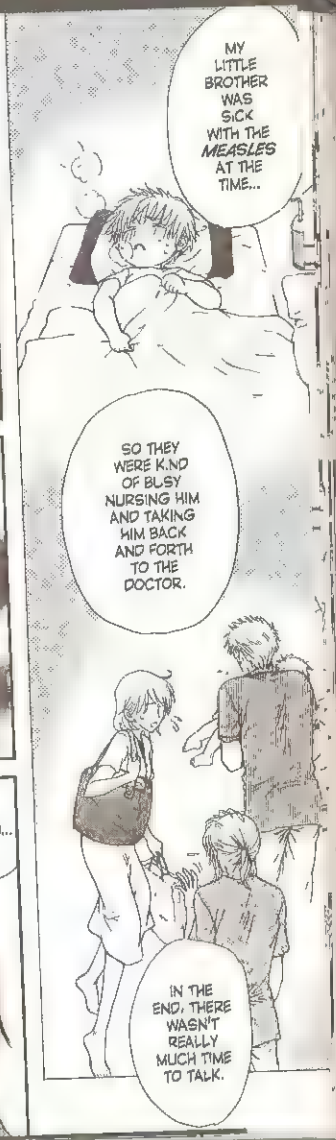

HUH?!
BUT WOULD YOU COME HOME WITH ME INSTEAD?

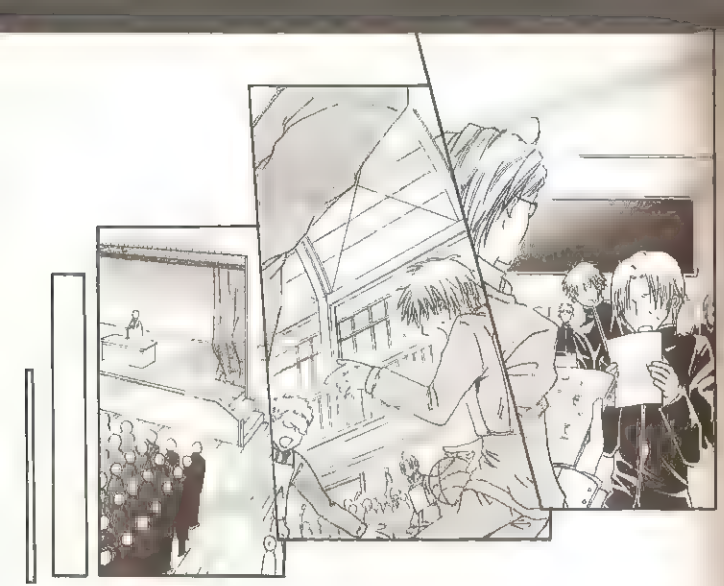

I KNOW, BUT LISTEN...
HOW WILL HAVING SOMEONE COMPLETELY UNRELATED LIKE ME THERE HELP DO THAT?!
YOU WANT TO CONNECT BACK WITH YOUR FAMILY, RIGHT?

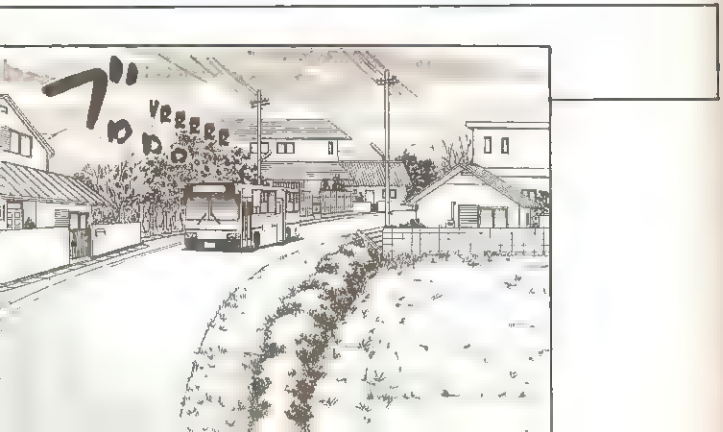
SO I WAS WONDERING...
IT MAKES ME WANT TO RUN AWAY INSTEAD...
BUT TRYING A SECOND TIME TAKES EVEN MORE ENERGY AND COURAGE.
YOU CAN PRETTY MUCH CALL MY FIRST ATTEMPT A FAILURE...


ENNG...
THEN NOW'S THE PERFECT TIME TO GO CLOSE THAT DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!


I KNOW YOU SAID YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GO SEE YOUR FAMILY...
YEAH?
TOHRU...


MY LITTLE BROTHER WAS SICK WITH THE MEASLES AT THE TIME...
SO THEY WERE KIND OF BUSY NURSING HIM AND TAKING HIM BACK AND FORTH TO THE DOCTOR.
IN THE END, THERE WASN'T REALLY MUCH TIME TO TALK.

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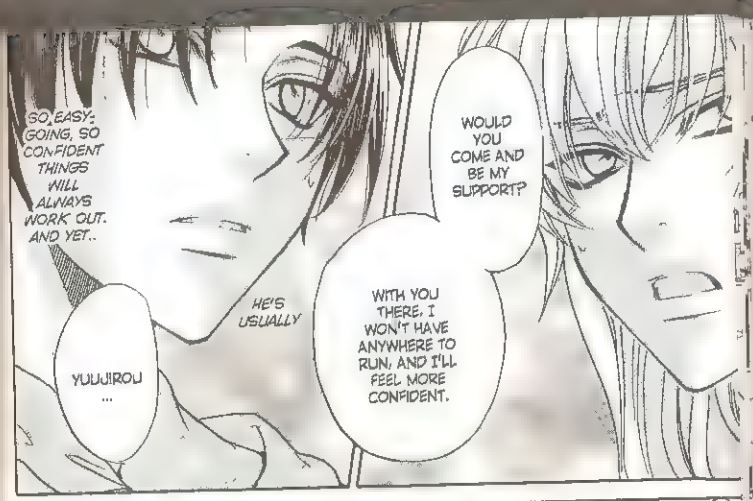
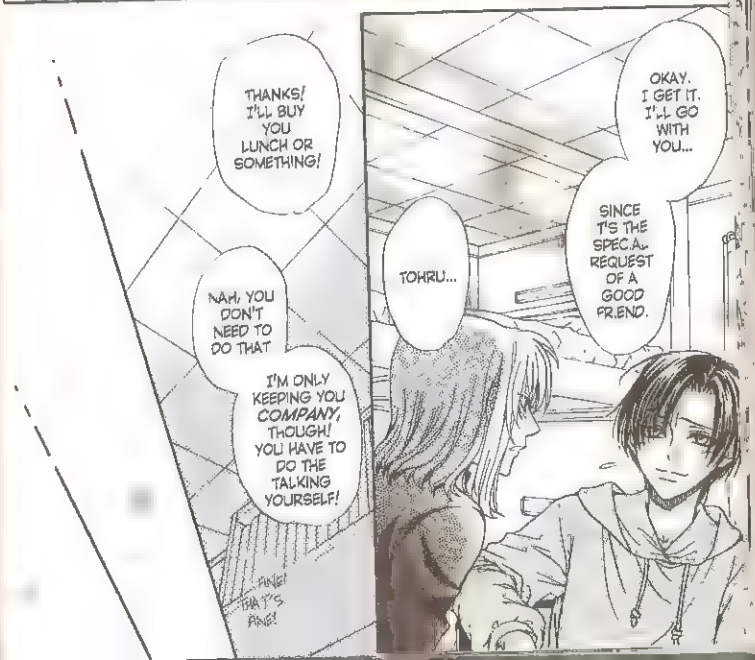

SO, EASY-GOING, SO CONFIDENT THINGS WILL ALWAYS WORK OUT. AND YET..
HE'S USUALLY
YUUJIROU ...
WITH YOU THERE, I WON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO RUN, AND I'LL FEEL MORE CONFIDENT.
WOULD YOU COME AND BE MY SUPPORT?


THANKS! I'LL BUY YOU LUNCH OR SOMETHING!
NAH, YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT
I'M ONLY KEEPING YOU COMPANY, THOUGH! YOU HAVE TO DO THE TALKING YOURSELF!
FINE! THAT'S FINE!
TOHRU...
OKAY. I GET IT. I'LL GO WITH YOU...
SINCE IT'S THE SPECIAL REQUEST OF A GOOD FRIEND.

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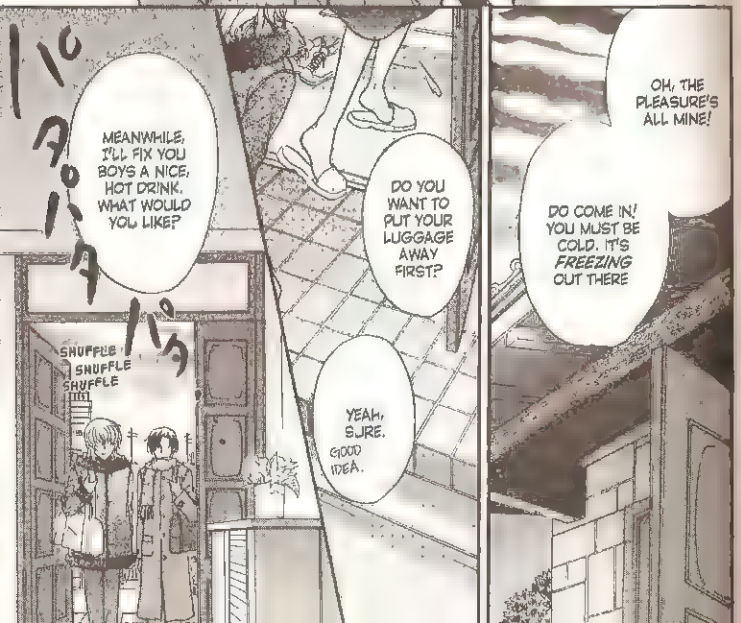
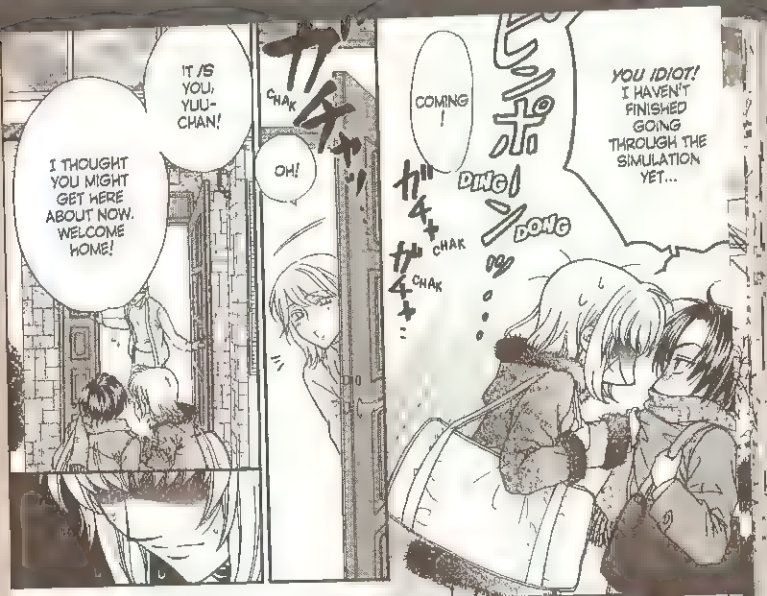
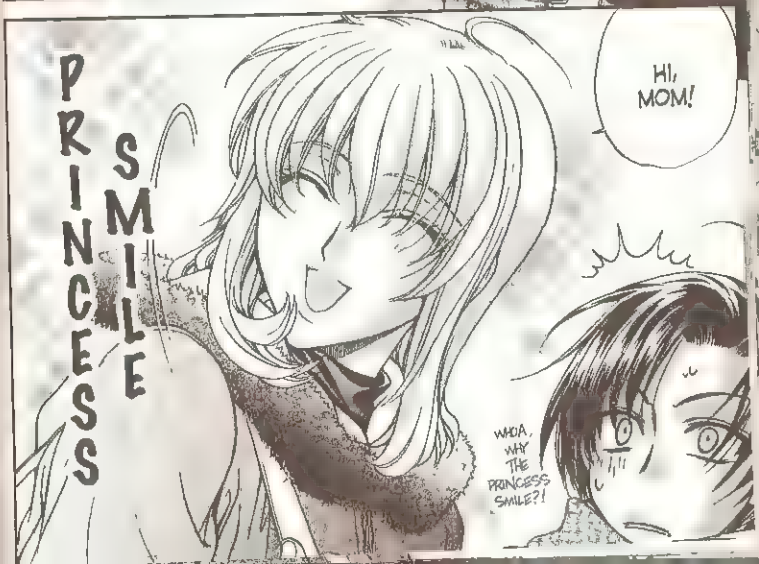
PSSHH
YEAH ...
THIS IS IT, HUH?
IT'S THE CREAM-COLORED HOUSE DOWN THAT WAY
YUUJIRO...
...YEAH.
LET'S GO.
IT'LL BE OKAY.

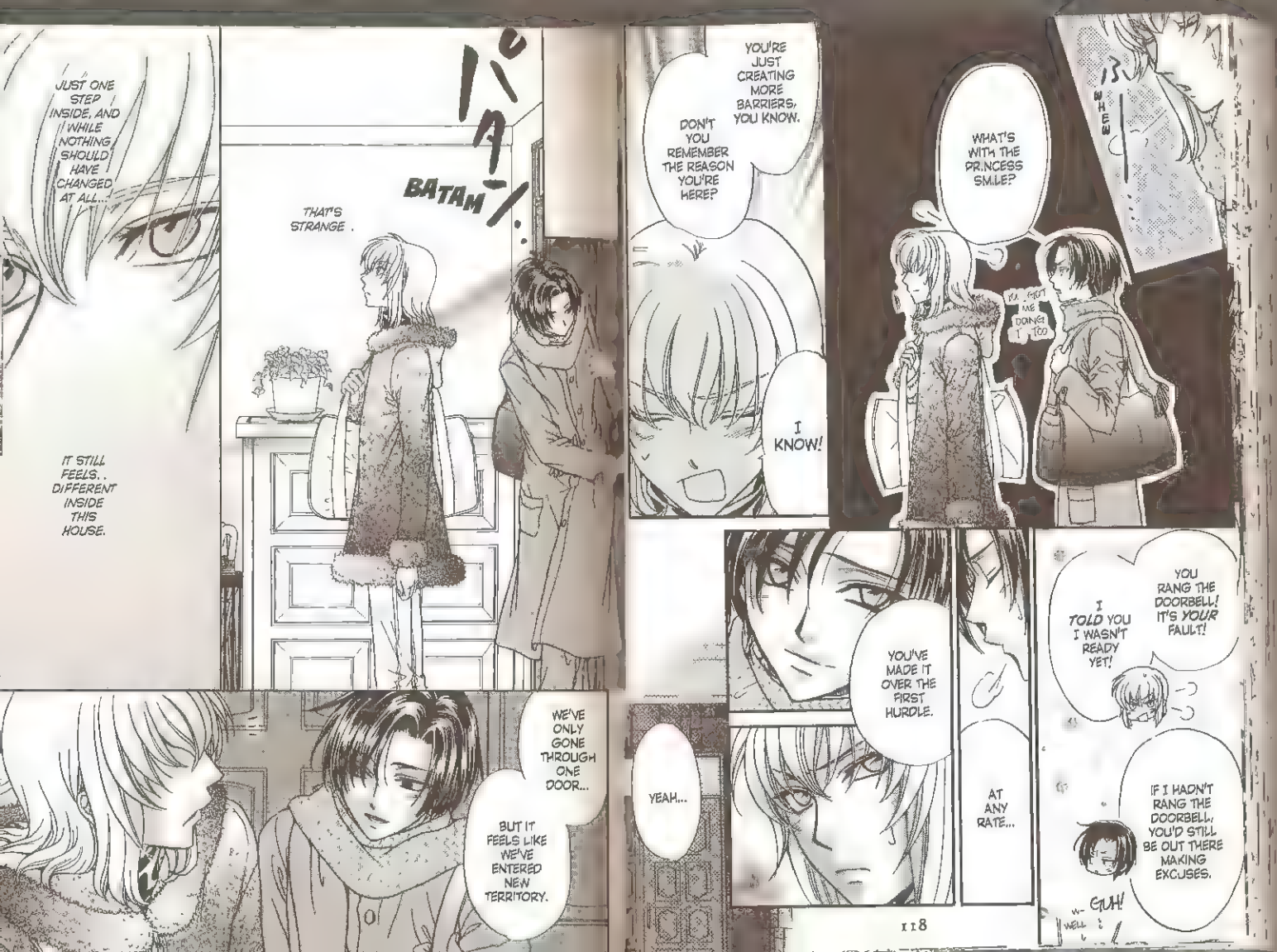
SHIVER
WAIT!
I HAVE TO MAKE SURE I'M READY.
I'M GOING THROUGH IT IN MY HEAD!
I'M FREEZ-ING!
LET'S GO INSIDE ALREADY!
HEY, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO STAND OUT HERE LIKE THIS?
I'M RINGING THE DOORBELL!
UGH, COME ON! IT CAN'T GO EXACTLY THE WAY YOU IMAGINE, SO LET'S JUST GO IN!
KLAK
CHIK
H-HEY!
...
...
THINK
AND, THEN I'LL GO TO MY ROOM OR MAYBE I SHOULD STAY THERE?
THINK

THANKS FOR LETTING ME STAY, MRS SHIHOUDANI!
NICE TO MEET YOU! I'M TOHRU KOUNO.
SMILE
THIS IS THE FRIEND I SAID I'D BE BRINGING WITH ME. HIS NAME IS KOUNO.
JUMP
OH!


MEANWHILE, I'LL FIX YOU BOYS A NICE, HOT DRINK. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
DO YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR LUGGAGE AWAY FIRST?
YEAH, SURE. GOOD IDEA.
OH, THE PLEASURE'S ALL MINE!
DO COME IN! YOU MUST BE COLD. IT'S FREEZING OUT THERE

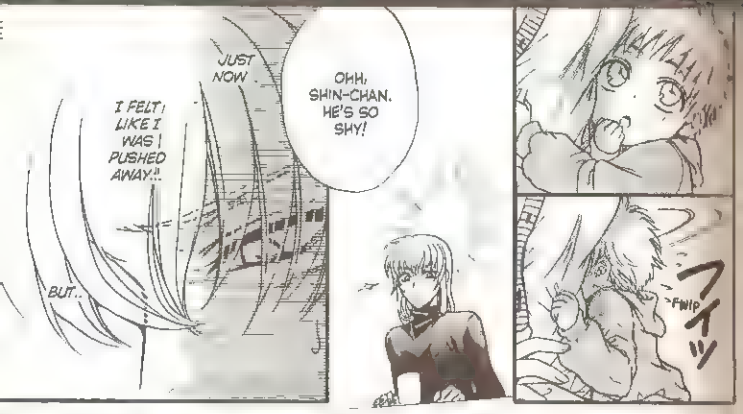

IT IS YOU, YUU-CHAN!
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT GET HERE ABOUT NOW. WELCOME HOME!
OH!
COMING!
DING DONG
YOU IDIOT! I HAVEN'T FINISHED GOING THROUGH THE SIMULATION YET...


PRINCESS SMILE
HI, MOM!
WHOA, WHY THE PRINCESS SMILE?!


JUST ONE STEP INSIDE, AND WHILE NOTHING SHOULD HAVE CHANGED AT ALL...!
IT STILL FEELS.. DIFFERENT INSIDE THIS HOUSE.
バタン!
BATAM!
THAT'S STRANGE.
YOU'RE JUST CREATING MORE BARRIERS, YOU KNOW.
DON'T YOU REMEMBER THE REASON YOU'RE HERE?
I KNOW!
WHEN I...
WHAT'S WITH THE PR.NCESS SM.LE?
I'LL GET ME DONG! TOO
YOU'VE MADE IT OVER THE FIRST HURDLE.
AT ANY RATE...
I TOLD YOU I WASN'T READY YET!
YOU RANG THE DOORBELL! IT'S YOUR FAULT!
IF I HADN'T RANG THE DOORBELL, YOU'D STILL BE OUT THERE MAKING EXCUSES.
W- WELL...
GUH!
YEAH...
WE'VE ONLY GONE THROUGH ONE DOOR...
BUT IT FEELS LIKE WE'VE ENTERED NEW TERRITORY.

OKAY, LET'S HEAD DOWN-STAIRS.
DO I REALLY BELONG HERE?
PUSH
HEH?
GOT IT.
WHEN THE TIME COMES, I'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE PUSH JUST LIKE I DID NOW

SLIP...
I WONDER..
NOW THAT I'M INSIDE THOSE WALLS..
IT'S WALLS THAT SURROUND A FAMILY.
YEAH...
THAT'S RIGHT.
A HOME IS MORE THAN A MERE BUILDING...


JUST NOW
I FELT LIKE I WAS PUSHED AWAY.
BUT...
OHH, SHIN-CHAN. HE'S SO SHY!
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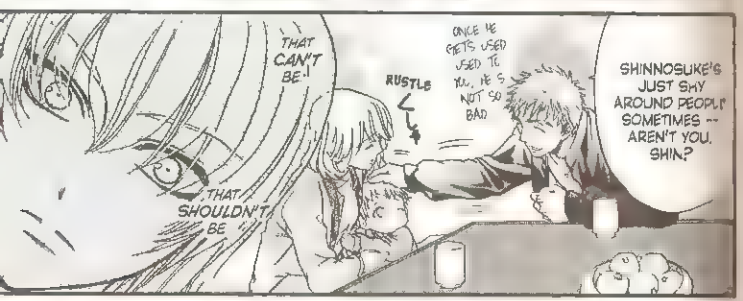
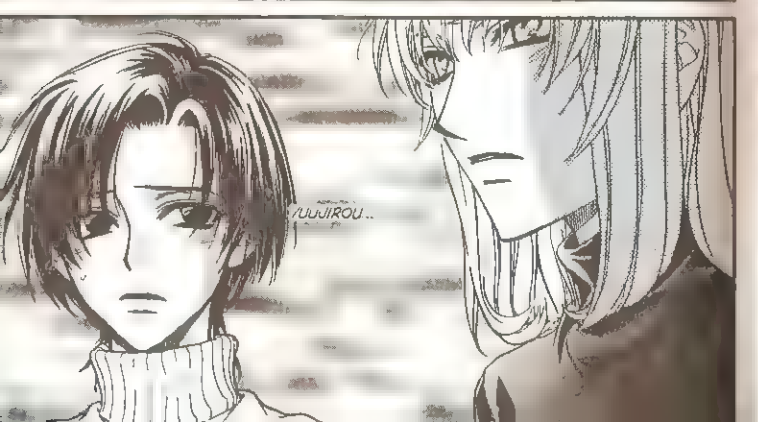
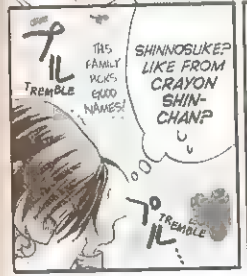
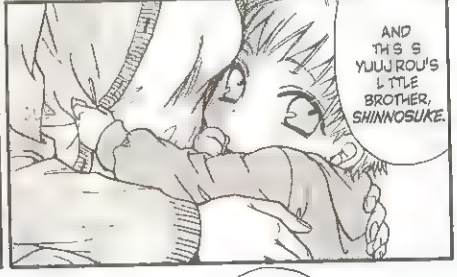
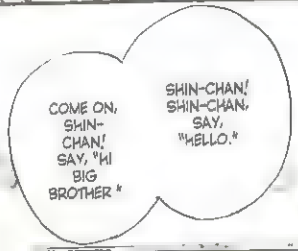

THAT CAN'T BE.
THAT SHOULDN'T BE.
RUSTLE
ONCE HE GETS USED TO YOU, HE'S NOT SO BAD
SHINNOSUKE'S JUST SHY AROUND PEOPLE! SOMETIMES -- AREN'T YOU, SHIN?

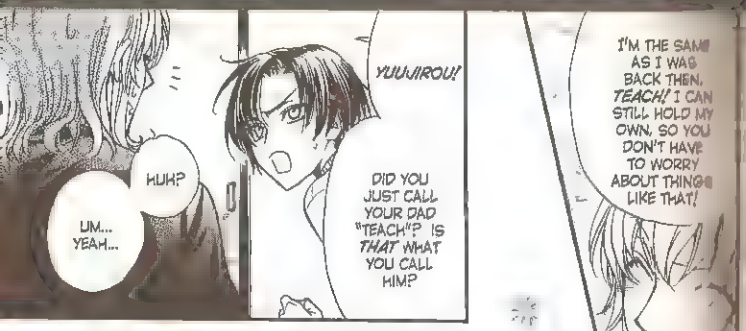

YUUJIROU..

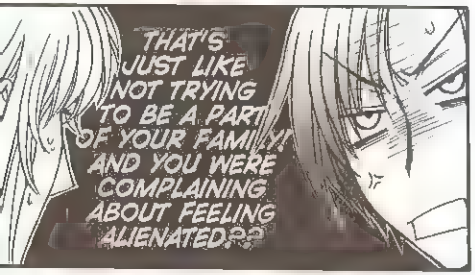
I'M HIS MOM, AS YOU ALREADY KNOW...
HI THERE, TOHRU. I'M YUUJ ROU'S... ER.. FATHER.
I'M TOHRU KOUNO. IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.


プル TREMBLE
THIS FAMILY PICKS GOOD NAMES!
SHINNOSUKE? LIKE FROM CRAYON SHIN-CHAN?
プル TREMBLE


AND THIS IS YUUJ ROU'S LITTLE BROTHER, SHINNOSUKE.


SHIN-CHAN! SHIN-CHAN, SAY, "HELLO."
COME ON, SHIN-CHAN! SAY, "HI BIG BROTHER."

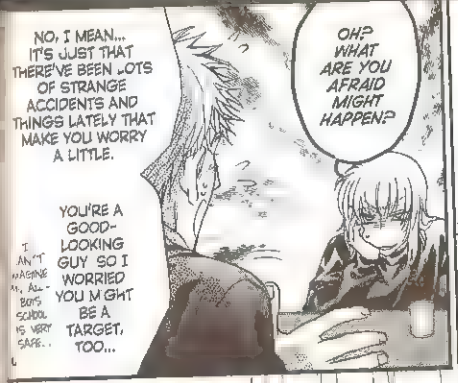

YUUJIROU!
DID YOU JUST CALL YOUR DAD "TEACH"? IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL HIM?
HUH?
UM... YEAH...


THAT'S JUST LIKE NOT TRYING TO BE A PART OF YOUR FAMILY! AND YOU WERE COMPLAINING ABOUT FEELING ALIENATED?!?

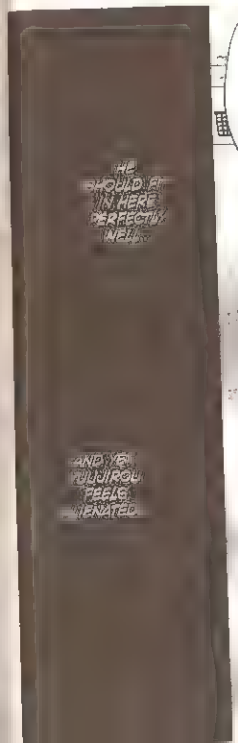
I'M THE SAME AS I WAS BACK THEN, TEACH! I CAN STILL HOLD MY OWN, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT!

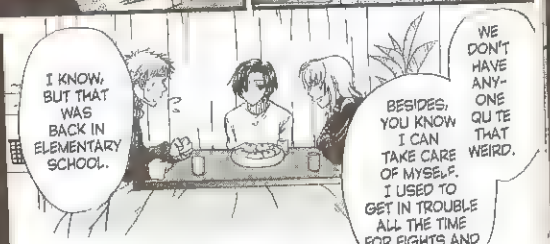
THAT WON'T DO! STOP COMPLAINING ABOUT BEING EMBARRASSED AND SAY IT ALREADY!
YOU HAVE TO START WITH YOURSELF!

I... I JUST CAN'T HELP THINKING OF HIM AS MY TEACHER IS ALL...
IT'D BE EMBARRASSING TO CALL HIM "DAD" AFTER ALL THIS TIME...

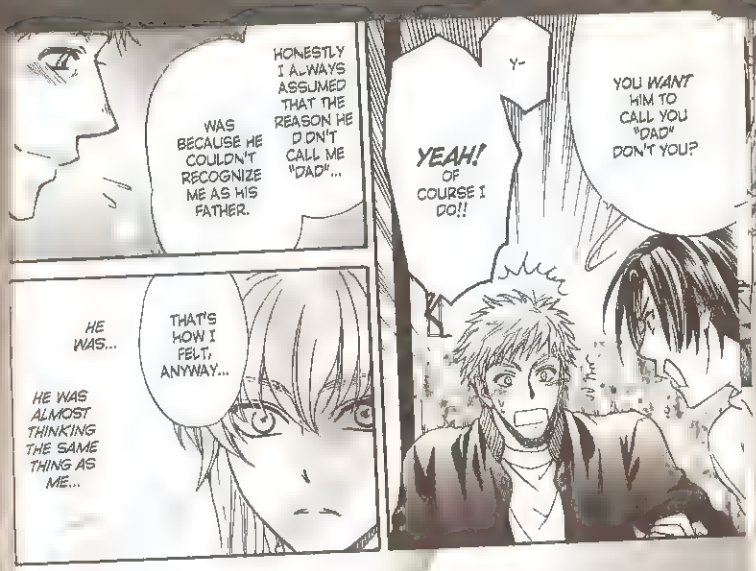

NO, I MEAN... IT'S JUST THAT THERE'VE BEEN LOTS OF STRANGE ACCIDENTS AND THINGS LATELY THAT MAKE YOU WORRY A LITTLE.
I AIN'T IMAGINING IT... ALL BOYS SCHOOL IS VERY SAFE..
YOU'RE A GOOD-LOOKING GUY SO I WORRIED YOU MIGHT BE A TARGET, TOO...
OH? WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID MIGHT HAPPEN?

SO, TOHRU-KUN... HOW'S YUUJIROU DOING IN SCHOOL? NO WEIRD GUYS FOLLOWING HIM AROUND, OR ANYTHING?
HUH?
WEIRD GUYS...?


HE SHOULD FIT IN HERE PERFECTLY WELL...
AND YET, YUUJIROU FEELS ALIENATED...

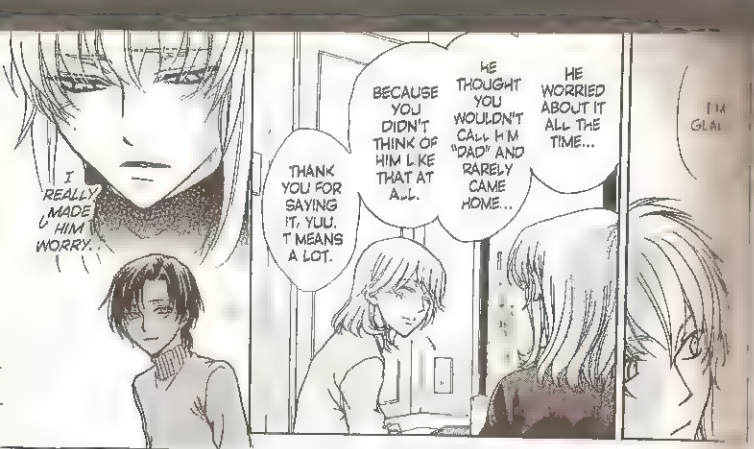

I KNOW, BUT THAT WAS BACK IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
BESIDES, YOU KNOW I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF. I USED TO GET IN TROUBLE ALL THE TIME FOR FIGHTS AND THINGS...
WE DON'T HAVE ANY-ONE QUITE THAT WEIRD.

YUUJIROU...
IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S HIDING HIMSELF...
AND IT SEEMS LIKE HIS DAD KNOWS YUUJIROU FROM WHEN HE WAS HIS STUDENT. HE ISN'T BEING STANDOFFISH, OR ANYTHING

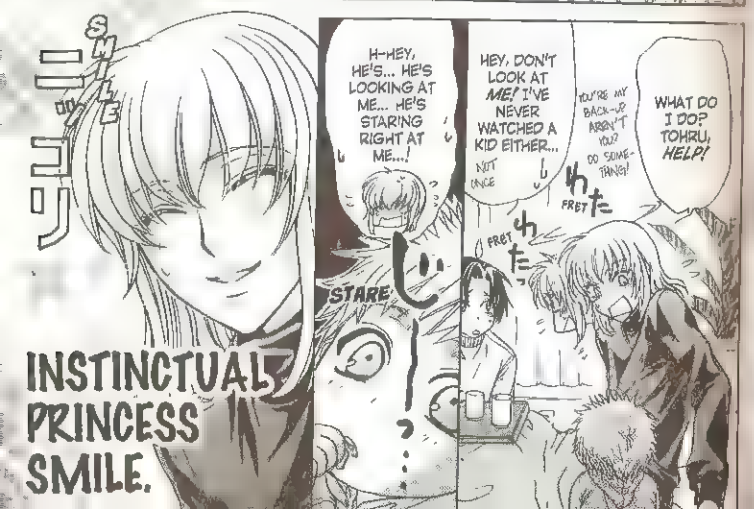

HONESTLY I ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT THE REASON HE DON'T CALL ME "DAD"...
WAS BECAUSE HE COULDN'T RECOGNIZE ME AS HIS FATHER.
THAT'S HOW I FELT, ANYWAY...
HE WAS...
HE WAS ALMOST THINKING THE SAME THING AS ME...
Y-
YEAH! OF COURSE I DO!!
YOU WANT HIM TO CALL YOU "DAD" DON'T YOU?

THAT THERE WAS AN INVISIBLE BARRIER SEPARATING ME FROM THEM...

SEE?? HE WANTS YOU TO CALL HIM "DAD," SO DO IT ALREADY!
WHAT? BUT, I...
I CAN'T JUST SAY IT LIKE THAT! I NEED TO PREPARE MYSELF BEFORE I CAN!
COME ON! IF YOU PREPARE TOO MUCH, YOU'LL END UP THINKING YOURSELF OUT OF IT!


I REALLY MADE HIM WORRY.
THANK YOU FOR SAYING IT, YUU. IT MEANS A LOT.
BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T THINK OF HIM LIKE THAT AT ALL.
HE THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T CALL HIM "DAD" AND RARELY CAME HOME..
HE WORRIED ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME...
I'M GLAD

WHAT?!
SHINNOSUKE?
I NEED TO GET STARTED ON DINNER. WATCH SHINNOSUKE FOR ME, WILL YOU?
HERE
WELL...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SMILE
INSTINCTUAL PRINCESS SMILE.
H-HEY, HE'S... HE'S LOOKING AT ME... HE'S STARING RIGHT AT ME...!
STARE
HEY, DON'T LOOK AT ME! I'VE NEVER WATCHED A KID EITHER...
NOT ONCE
YOU'RE MY BACK-UP AREN'T YOU? DO SOMETHING!
WHAT DO I DO? TOHRU, HELP!
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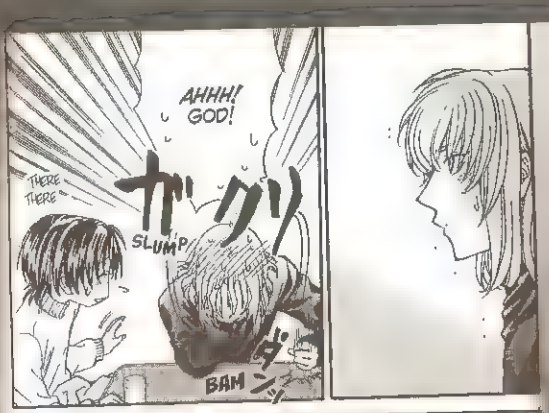
AHHH! GOD!
THERE THERE
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SLUMP
BAM

WHOA! WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR?!
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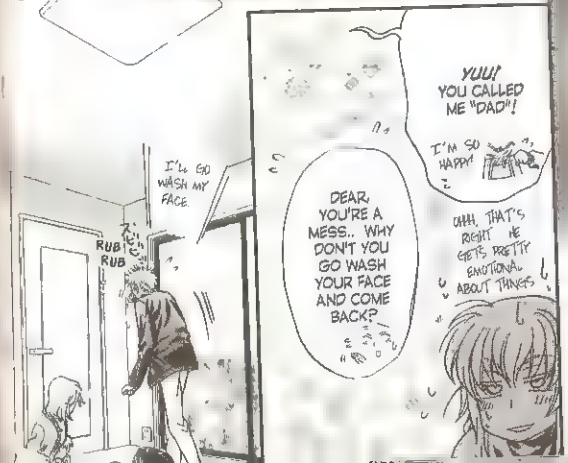
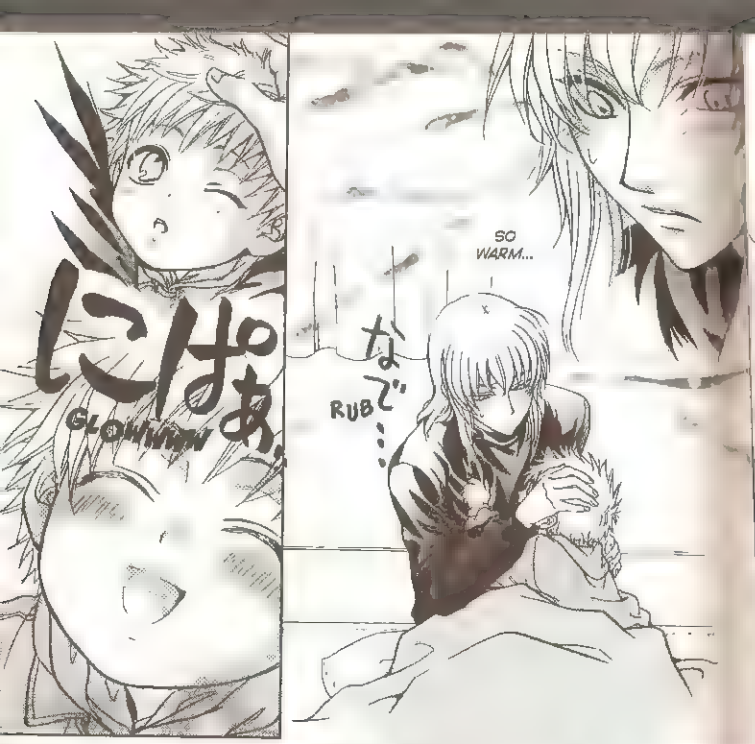
STREAM STREAM
RUB
YUUUU!
WAAAHHH!

DAD.


I'LL GO WASH MY FACE
RUB RUB
DEAR, YOU'RE A MESS.. WHY DON'T YOU GO WASH YOUR FACE AND COME BACK?
YUU! YOU CALLED ME "DAD"!
I'M SO HAPPY
UHH, THAT'S RIGHT HE GETS PRETTY EMOTIONAL ABOUT THINGS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GLOWWWW
なで…
RUB
SO WARM...

BWUZZA! ♡
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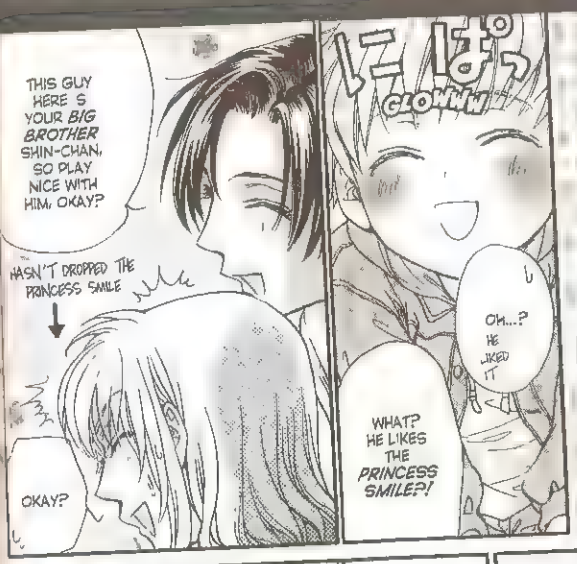
SQUEEZE


THIS GUY HERE S YOUR BIG BROTHER SHIN-CHAN, SO PLAY NICE WITH HIM, OKAY?
HASN'T DROPPED THE PRINCESS SMILE
OKAY?
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GLOWWWW
WHAT? HE LIKES THE PRINCESS SMILE?!
OH...? HE LIKED IT
WHAT'S WITH THE PRINCESS SMILE AGAIN? HE'S A BABY
I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO...

SHIN-CHA PWAYS NICE WIF BWUZZA!
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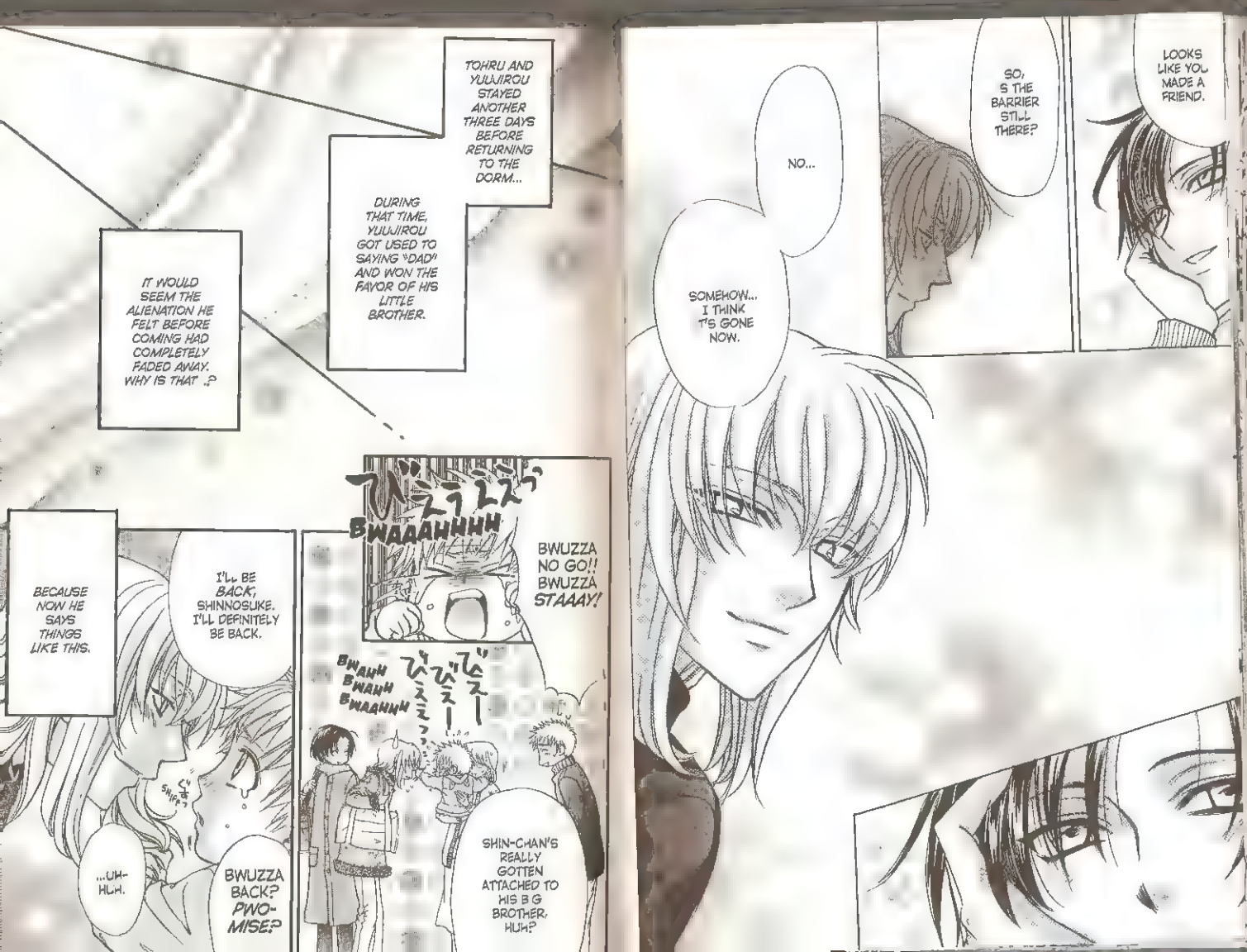
FLOP
BWU-ZZA?
YEP... HE'S YOUR BROTHER!
PWAY NICE?
UH-HUH! PLAY NICE, OKAY?
TOHRU...


LOOKS LIKE YOU MADE A FRIEND.
SO, S THE BARRIER STILL THERE?
NO...
SOMEHOW... I THINK IT'S GONE NOW.
TOHRU AND YUUJIROU STAYED ANOTHER THREE DAYS BEFORE RETURNING TO THE DORM...
DURING THAT TIME, YUUJIROU GOT USED TO SAYING "DAD" AND WON THE FAVOR OF HIS LITTLE BROTHER.
IT WOULD SEEM THE ALIENATION HE FELT BEFORE COMING HAD COMPLETELY FADED AWAY. WHY IS THAT ..?
BWAAHHHH
BWUZZA NO GO!! BWUZZA STAAAY!
BWAHH BWAHH BWAAHHH
SHIN-CHAN'S REALLY GOTTEN ATTACHED TO HIS B G BROTHER, HUH?
I'LL BE BACK, SHINNOSUKE. I'LL DEFINITELY BE BACK.
SNIFF
...UH-HUH.
BWUZZA BACK? PWO-MISE?
BECAUSE NOW HE SAYS THINGS LIKE THIS.

SHIN-CHA MAWWY BWUZZA! ♡
SHIN-CHA WANNA BE WIF BWUZZA ALL TIMES...

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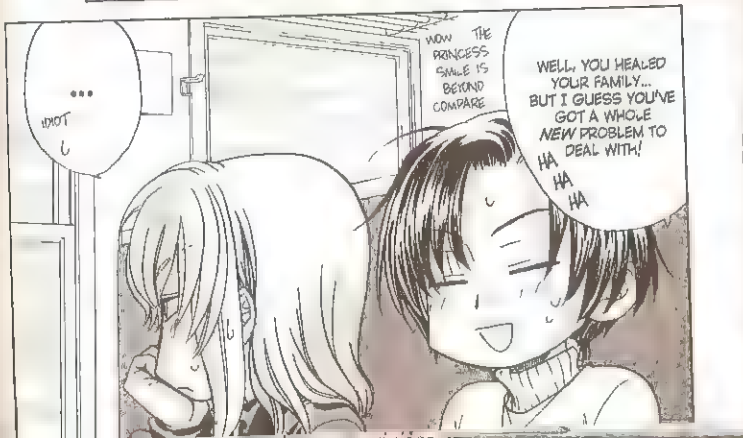
CHAK
GOTCHA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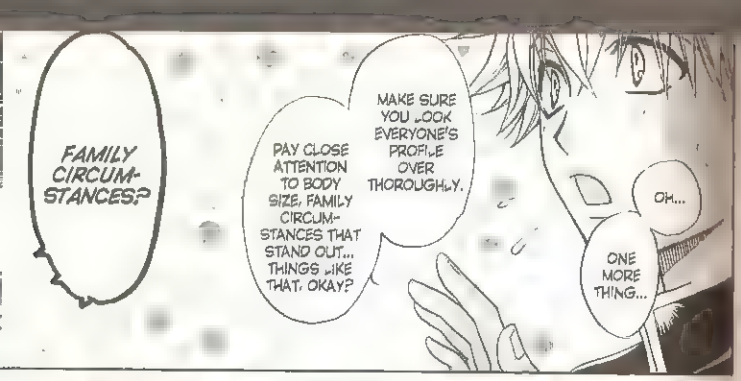
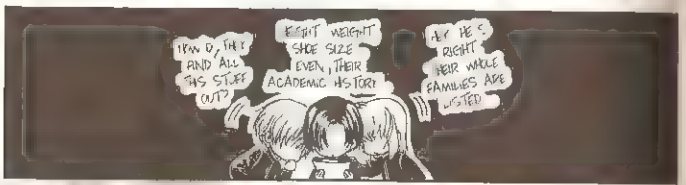
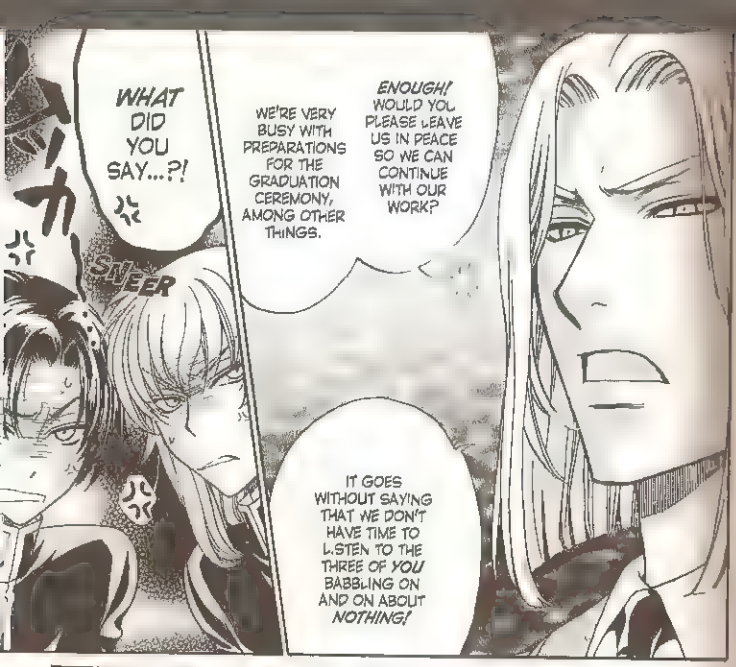
IDIOT
WOW THE PRINCESS SMILE IS BEYOND COMPARE
WELL, YOU HEALED YOUR FAMILY... BUT I GUESS YOU'VE GOT A WHOLE NEW PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH!
HA HA HA


FAMILY CIRCUM-STANCES?
PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO BODY SIZE, FAMILY CIRCUM-STANCES THAT STAND OUT... THINGS LIKE THAT, OKAY?
MAKE SURE YOU LOOK EVERYONE'S PROFILE OVER THOROUGHLY.
OH...
ONE MORE THING...


I'M D, THEY FIND ALL THIS STUFF OUT?
EIGHT WEIGHT SHOE SIZE EVEN, THEIR ACADEMIC HISTORY
ALL THE INFO RIGHT? HEIR WHOLE FAMILIES ARE LISTED

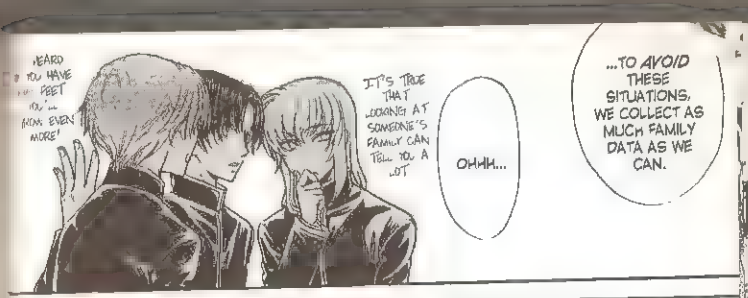
THE THREE OF YOU WERE LUCKY THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE YOUR TERMS AS PRINCESSES WITH NO PROBLEMS...
THERE HAVE BEEN OTHERS WHO HAD SUDDEN GROWTH SPURTS, OR FAMILY EMERGENCIES, AND HAD TO STOP HALF-WAY THROUGH...
RIGHT. WELL... YOU SEE...
DOESN'T SEEM TO APPLY...
WHAT DOES ANY OF THAT HAVE TO DO WITH BEING A PRINCESS?

THE LAST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL...
HERE ARE THE FILES FOR NEXT YEAR'S PRINCESS CANDIDATES.
FLAP
THE STUDENT COUNCIL CAN MAKE THE ARRANGE-MENTS...
BUT THE FINAL DECISION IS RESERVED FOR THE PRINCESSES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.
WE RESEARCHED EVERY ONE TO HELP NARROW DOWN THE CHOICES.
AS THE CURRENT PRINCESSES, IT'S UP TO THE THREE OF YOU TO LOOK THROUGH THEM, AND CAREFULLY CHOOSE WHO YOU THINK WILL BE GOOD FOR THE JOB.


WHAT DID YOU SAY...?!
SNEER
WE'RE VERY BUSY WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE GRADUATION CEREMONY, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
ENOUGH! WOULD YOU PLEASE LEAVE US IN PEACE SO WE CAN CONTINUE WITH OUR WORK?
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO THE THREE OF YOU BABBLING ON AND ON ABOUT NOTHING!

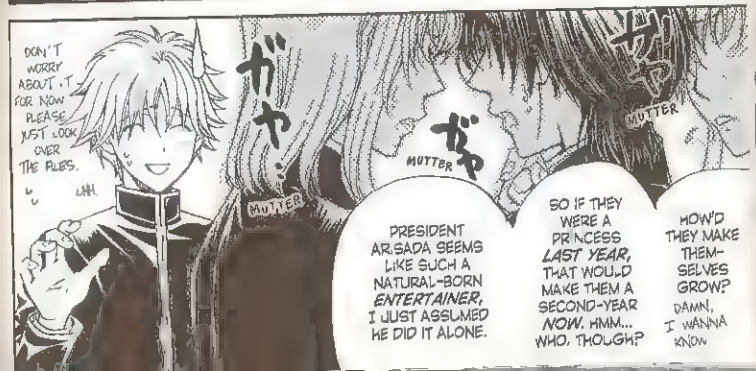
HONEST ADVICE?
I SURE COULDN'T TELL.
HE WAS GIVING ADVICE?

PULP
TOUJI, IF YOU SAY THINGS IN THAT TONE OF VOICE, PEOPLE WILL BE DEFENSIVE, EVEN IF YOU'RE GIVING LIKE HONEST JUST ADVICE.
I KNOW TOU! DIDN'T SAY IT VERY POLITELY, BUT YOU GUYS CAN'T GET ANGRY AT EVERY LITTLE THING.
STOP! STOOOOP!
SEE?- THEY THOUGHT YOU WERE PICKING A FIGHT
BUT IT KEEPS STARTING!
POU!
POU!


I HEARD YOU HAVE FEET SIZE NOW EVEN MORE!
IT'S TRUE THAT LOOKING AT SOMEONE'S FAMILY CAN TELL YOU A LOT
OHHH...
...TO AVOID THESE SITUATIONS, WE COLLECT AS MUCH FAMILY DATA AS WE CAN.

WHAT?! THERE WAS ANOTHER PRINCESS BESIDES ARISADA?
PART OF ARISADA'S PAST -- REVEALED!!

IT WAS TOUGH BY MYSELF! THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH EXCITEMENT ONE PERSON CAN GIVE! IT WAS A LOT OF WORK!
IT TURNS OUT THE SAME THING HAPPENED DURING FORMER PRESIDENT ARISADA'S TERM, SO HE WANTED TO REMIND ME.
HE SAID I SHOULD HAVE YOU STUDY THEIR PROFILES WELL.


DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT FOR NOW PLEASE JUST LOOK OVER THE FILES.
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MUTTER
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MUTTER
PRESIDENT ARISADA SEEMS LIKE SUCH A NATURAL-BORN ENTERTAINER, I JUST ASSUMED HE DID IT ALONE.
SO IF THEY WERE A PRINCESS LAST YEAR, THAT WOULD MAKE THEM A SECOND-YEAR NOW. HMM... WHO, THOUGH?
HOW'D THEY MAKE THEMSELVES GROW?
DAMN, I WANNA KNOW

AND WE HAVE TWO WEEKS TO DO ALL OF THAT...?
THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU!
YOU...
MUSIC, COSTUMES, BACKGROUNDS, SCHEDULING, LIGHTING, ET CETERA... YOU HAVE TO COME UP WITH EVERYTHING AND MEET WITH EACH DEPARTMENT TO START PREPARATIONS. ARE YOU STARTING TO UNDERSTAND NOW?
YOU SHOULD START SOON... SINCE IT'S YOUR FINAL EVENT, YOU HAVE TO PRODUCE IT YOURSELVES...
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
GUYS... WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE HERE!!
DO WE HAVE TO SING AGAIN? I AM NOT SINGING AGAIN.
HOW DO WE PRODUCE A STAGE PERFORMANCE? WHAT TO WE DO?
COME ON, WE'RE NOT REAL ENTERTAINERS!

SO WHEN DO YOU NEED US TO DECIDE ON THESE?
UMM.
BY THE BEGINNING OF NEXT MONTH I THINK.
SO WE'VE GOT ABOUT TWO WEEKS LEFT...
THAT'S ENOUGH TIME, RIGHT?
YEAH.
PLENTY
THE STUDENT COUNCIL WILL BE BUSY, BUT YOU THREE HAVE PLENTY TO DO, TOO.
HUH?!
YOUR FINAL STAGE APPEARANCE IS RIGHT AFTER GRADUATION, REMEMBER? YOU NEED TO PREPARE FOR THAT, TOO.
UMM... YOU'VE GOT MORE TO DO THAN JUST CHOOSING THE PRINCESSES...

CONFERENCE ROOM
WHICH ONES DO YOU THINK ARE GOOD?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HMMM...

STEP
STEP
STEP
OKAY! IF THAT'S IT, THEN WE'RE GOING TO FIND A PLACE TO WORK!
OH!
WA.T!

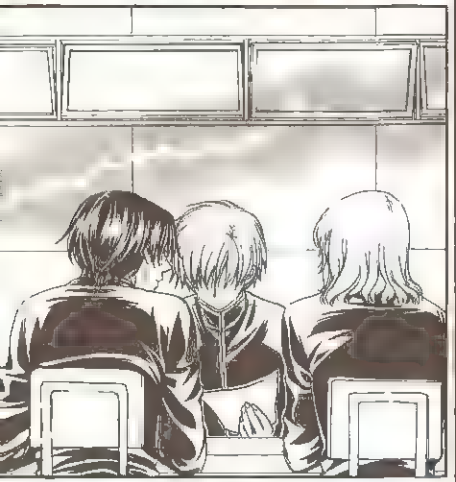
AT ANY RATE, NOW'S NO TIME TO STAND AROUND MULLING IT OVER!
HOLD
WE HAVE TO GET STARTED RIGHT AWAY!

SPARKLE
AKIRA...
HE ALWAYS FOLLOWS THROUGH

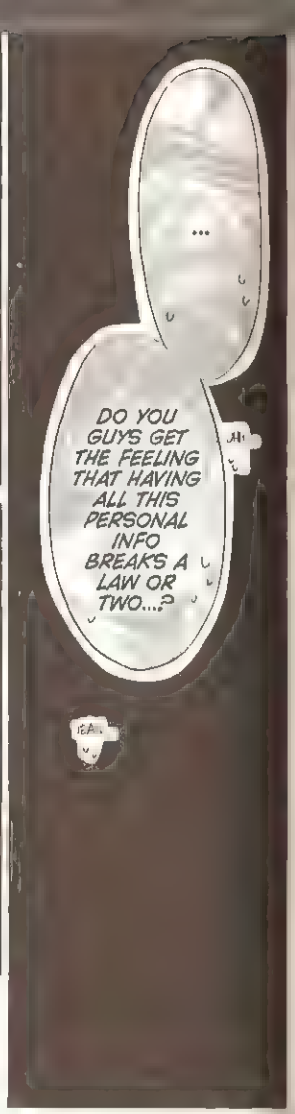
I RESERVED THE CONFERENCE ROOM FOR YOU GUYS. YOU CAN WORK THERE.
CHINK

YEAH, THANKS FOR SPOILING AKIRA'S EFFORTS TO COMFORT US!
OKAY, THE HIGH-AND-MIGHTY ACT IS GETTING OLD
MAKE SURE TO LOCK THE DOOR WHEN YOU GO, AND LEAVE THE KEY IN THE STAFF ROOM
BRING BACK THE FILES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
THEY'RE CLASSIFIED
ZIP
DON'T MAKE A MESS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM...
HERE'S THE KEY
OH.
STRETCH

I WONDER...
F WE WERE CHOSEN THE SAME WAY...?



HOLD ON...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DO YOU GUYS GET THE FEELING THAT HAVING ALL THIS PERSONAL INFO BREAK'S A LAW OR TWO...?
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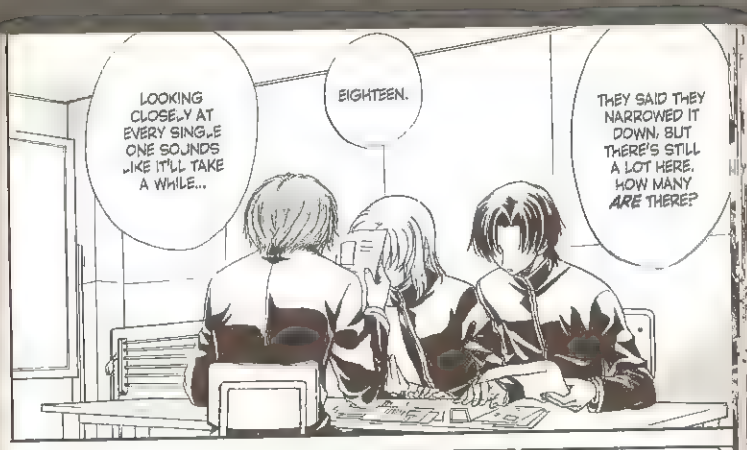
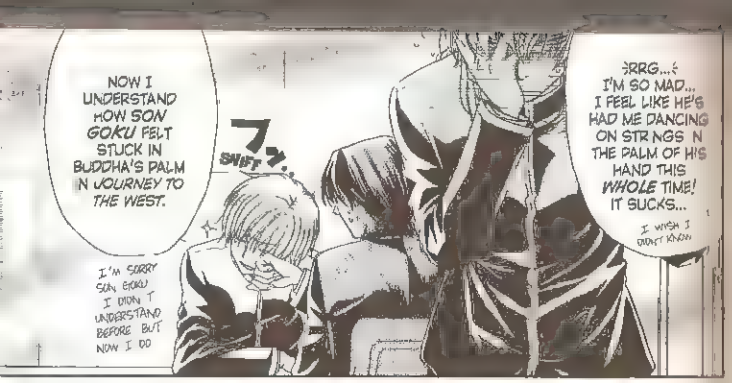
IEA...


LOOKING CLOSE..Y AT EVERY SING..E ONE SOUNDS ..IKE IT'LL TAKE A WHILE...
EIGHTEEN.
THEY SAID THEY NARROWED IT DOWN, BUT THERE'S STILL A LOT HERE. HOW MANY *ARE* THERE?

WHOA! THIS IS A PRETTY R SQUE PHOTO... WERE THEY *SPYING* ON HIM OR SOMETHING?
HE'S ABOUT TO TAKE A SHOWER
THIS ONE SOUNDS LIKE A POOR KID. HE'S SUPPORTING HIS FAMILY WITH THE MONEY HE EARNS FROM PART-TIME JOBS.
WOW... THIS GUY MUST BE FROM A RICH FAMILY IF HE LIVES IN *THAT* AREA...
RICH A FRAC TIVE SMART HE SOUNDS ANNOYING!


NOW I UNDERSTAND HOW SON GOKU FELT STUCK IN BUDDHA'S PALM IN JOURNEY TO THE WEST.
I'M SORRY SON GOKU I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND BEFORE BUT NOW I DO
SWIFT
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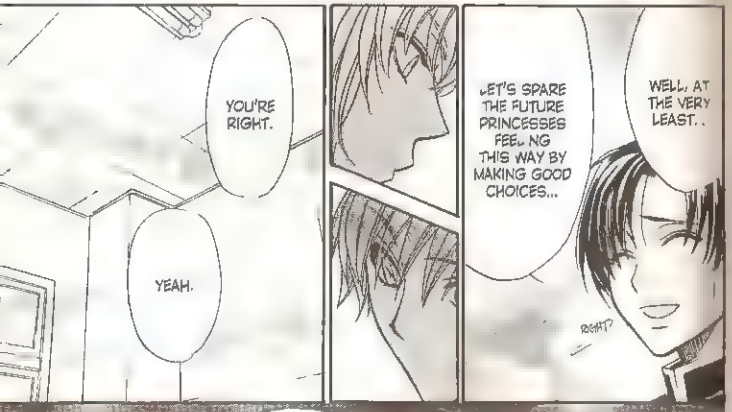
ｸﾞﾙﾙ...ｼ I'M SO MAD... I FEEL LIKE HE'S HAD ME DANCING ON STRINGS IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND THIS WHOLE TIME! IT SUCKS...
I WISH I DIDN'T KNOW


YOU'RE RIGHT.
YEAH.
LET'S SPARE THE FUTURE PRINCESSES FEELING THIS WAY BY MAKING GOOD CHOICES...
WELL, AT THE VERY LEAST..
RIGHT?

TO PICK SOMEONE WHO SEEMS HONEST!
NOT SOME ARROGANT JERK!
LET'S DO OUR BEST...
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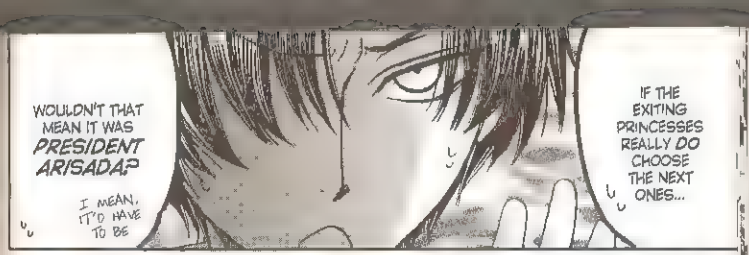
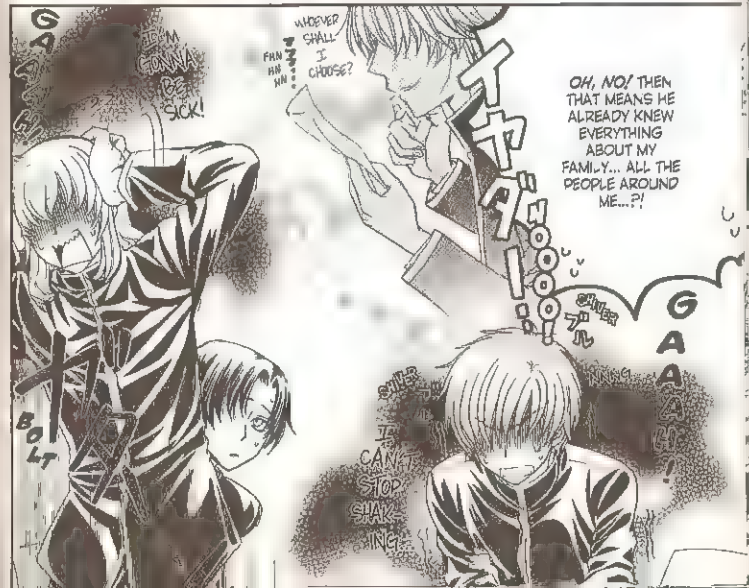

WOULDN'T THAT MEAN IT WAS PRESIDENT ARISADA?
I MEAN, IT'D HAVE TO BE
IF THE EXITING PRINCESSES REALLY DO CHOOSE THE NEXT ONES...


GA GA GA
I'M GONNA BE SICK!
WHOEVER SHALL I CHOOSE?
FHN HN HN
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OH, NO! THEN THAT MEANS HE ALREADY KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT MY FAMILY... ALL THE PEOPLE AROUND ME...?!
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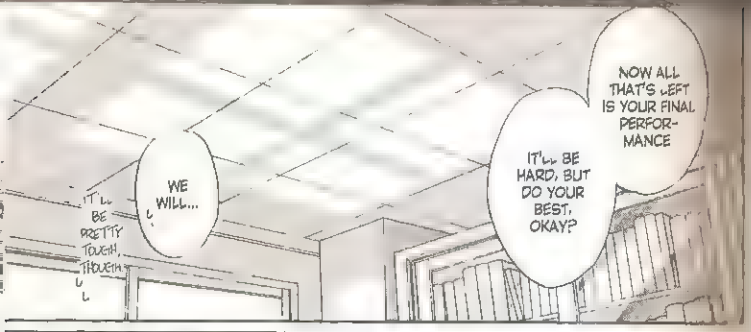
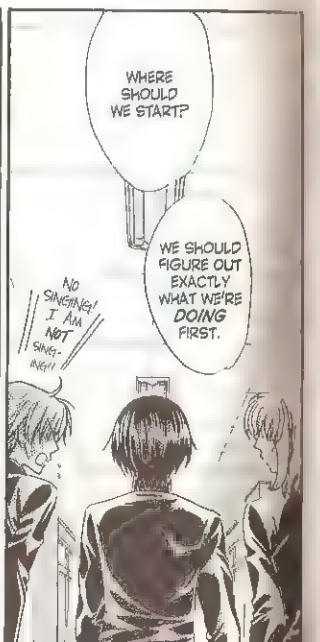
SHUDDER ブル
BOLT
SHUDDER
I CAN'T STOP SHAKING!
GA GA GA


NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS YOUR FINAL PERFOR-MANCE
IT'LL BE HARD, BUT DO YOUR BEST, OKAY?
WE WILL...
IT'LL BE PRETTY TOUGH, THOUGH

MY FINAL TEST!
I SHALL MAKE YOUR FINAL COSTUMES!! IT WILL BE...
WE SHOULD REQUEST COSTUMES AS SOON AS WE CAN!
OR THEY WON'T BE FINISHED IN TIME!
NATASHOU-SEMPAI'S GOING TO DO THEM, RIGHT? EVEN THOUGH HE'S GRADUAT-ING?
I'M SURE HE WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE DO THEM.
THAT GUY REALLY LOVES MAKING CLOTHES, DOESN'T HE?
RIGHT UP TO THE VERY END...

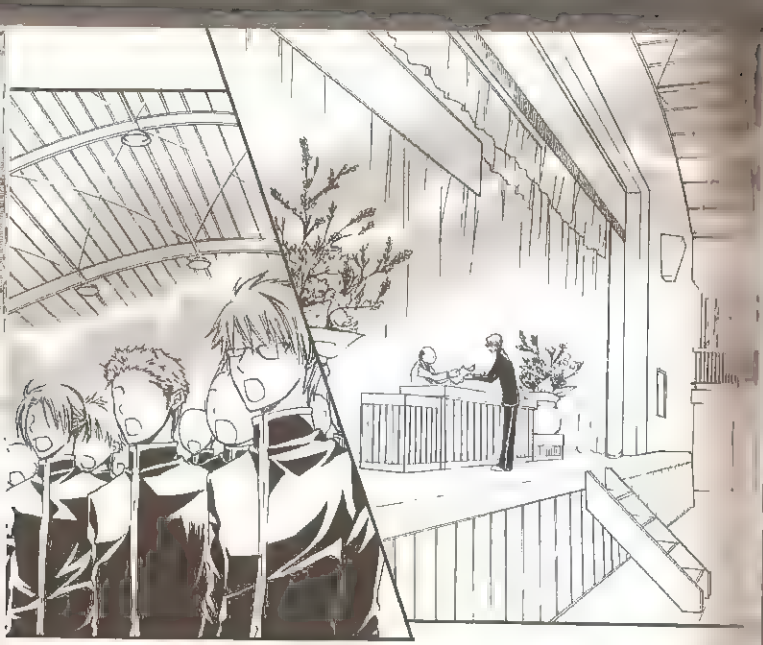

WHERE SHOULD WE START?
WE SHOULD FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING FIRST.
NO SINGING! I AM NOT SINGING!!

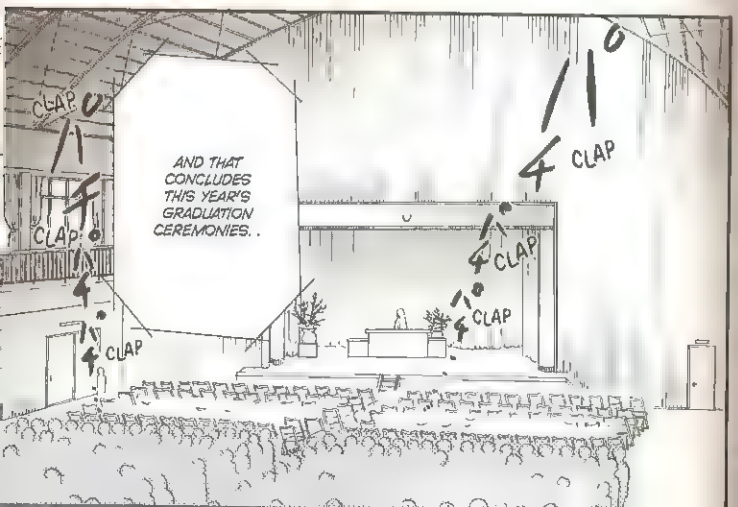
BUT THESE ARE OUR FINAL CHOICES.
HERE YA GO.
WE CHOSE A COUPLE BACK-UPS, TOO

ONE LOOKS LIKE HE MIGHT GROW A BIT TALLER DURING THE YEAR...
BUT BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE, WE FELT HAVING THREE PEOPLE WOULD BALANCE THINGS OUT THE BEST.

THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
OKAY.
I'LL NOTIFY THEM RIGHT AWAY.

WELL, WE DISAGREED A BIT...




CLAP
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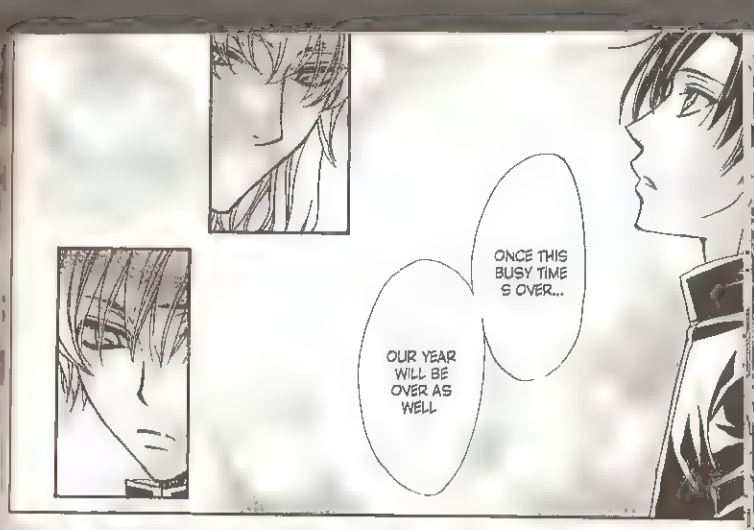
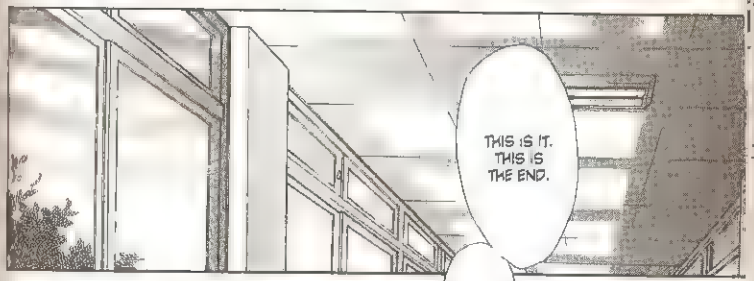
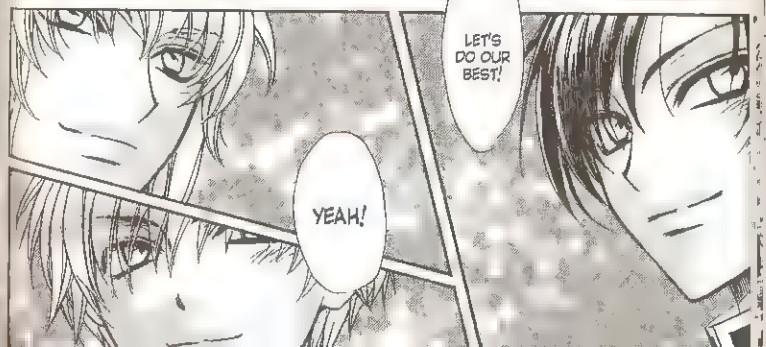
CLAP
AND THAT CONCLUDES THIS YEAR'S GRADUATION CEREMONIES..


ONCE THIS BUSY TIME S OVER...
OUR YEAR WILL BE OVER AS WELL


THIS IS IT. THIS IS THE END.


LET'S DO OUR BEST!
YEAH!

OKAY, EVERYONE. FOR FINAL REVIEW, I'M GOING TO GO OVER THE SCHEDULE...
FIRST, WE'LL BEGIN WITH SOME OPENING WORDS ABOUT THE CEREMONY...
AFTERWARDS, EACH PRINCESS WILL SING IN SORT OF A MEDLEY FORMAT...
DURING EACH SONG, THE SCREENS WILL SHOW THE PRINCESS SINGING, WHILE THE OTHER PRINCESSES CHANGE COSTUMES IN THE BACK.
ONCE EACH PRINCESS HAS SUNG TWICE, ALL THREE WILL JOIN TOGETHER ON STAGE, SING ONE LAST SONG, THEN EXIT...
THEY'LL CHANGE INTO THEIR FINAL COSTUMES. TAKE THE STAGE ONCE MORE TO FORMALLY ANNOUNCE THEIR RETIREMENT. AND WE'RE DONE.
THAT'S THE GENERAL BREAKDOWN OF THE SHOW.
THE TIME HAS COME AT LAST!
CHATTER
OUR EVENTS CONTINUE THIS AFTERNOON. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO ENJOY LUNCH WHILE PREPARATIONS ARE MADE
CHATTER
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YOU'LL HAVE ALL THE OUTFITS FROM THE PREVIOUS EVENTS AS WELL...
NOT AGAIN
IT'S THE PERFECT SET OF COSTUMES TO CLOSE OUT GRADUATION!
SNAP
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YOU PRINCESSES ARE SO WONDERFUL! SO PERFECT! YOU MUST END THINGS GORGEOUSLY! BEAUTIFULLY!!
FORCEFUL REMOVAL
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GRAB
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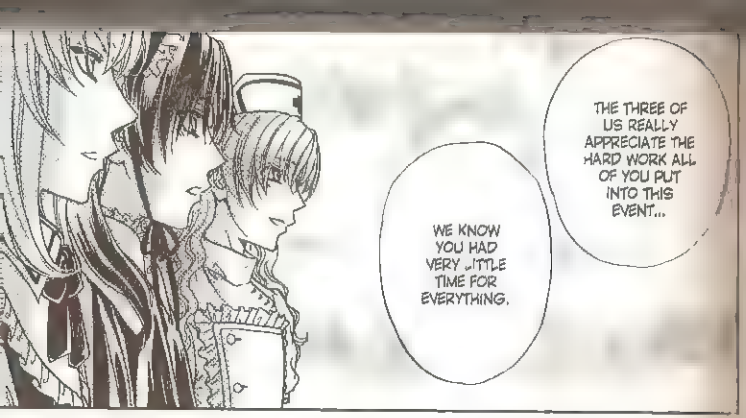
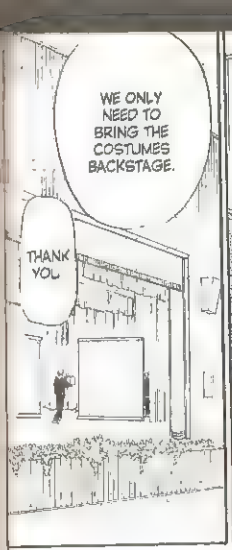
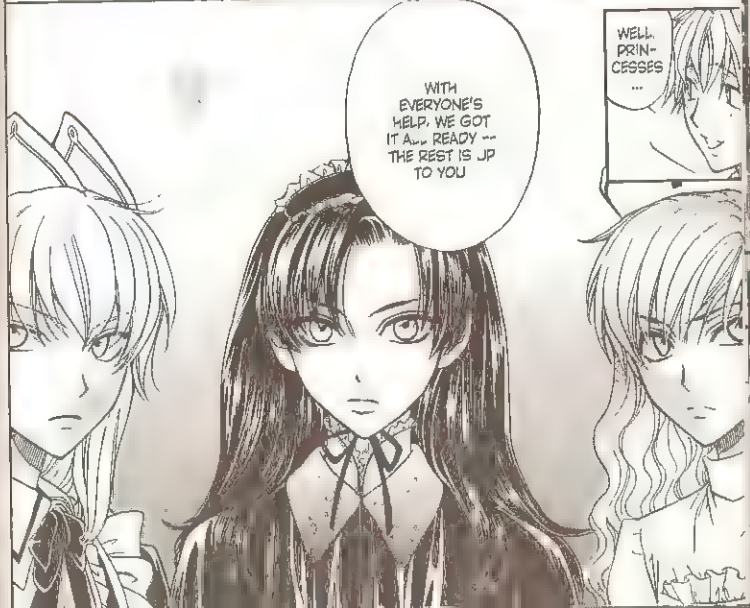
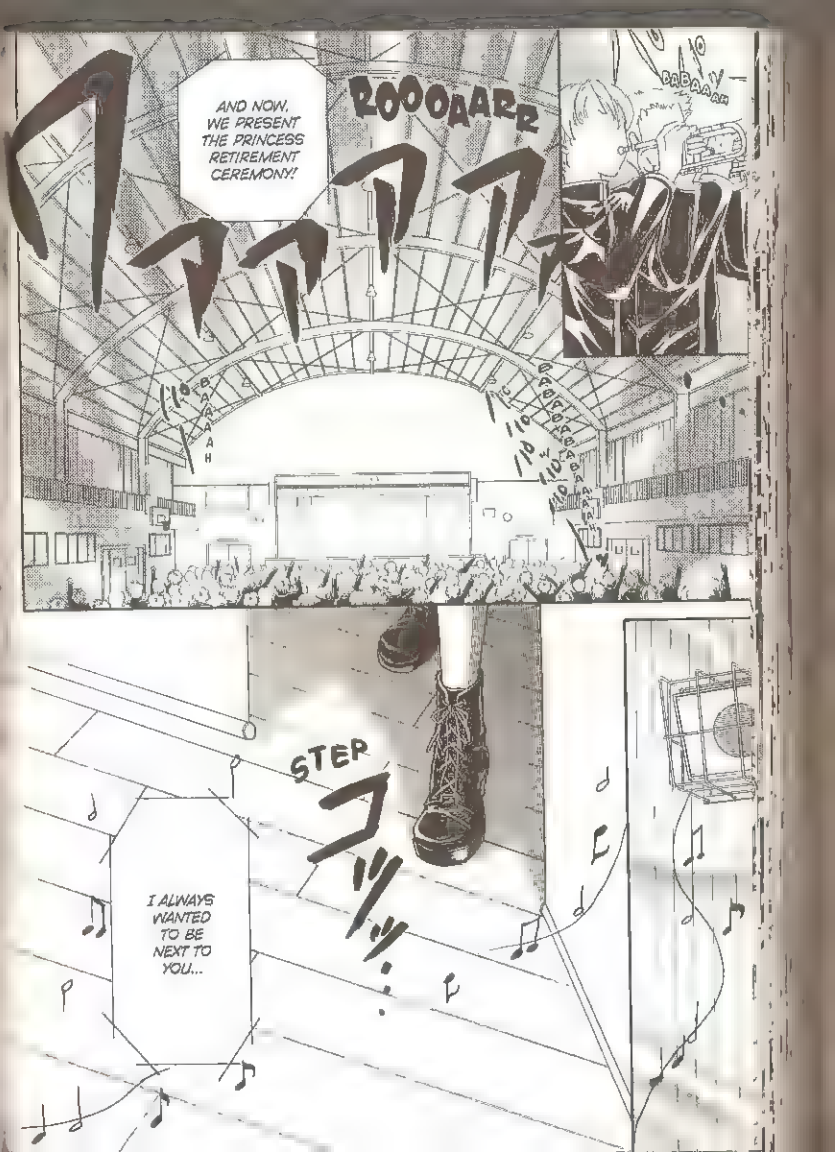

THE THREE OF US REALLY APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK ALL OF YOU PUT INTO THIS EVENT...
WE KNOW YOU HAD VERY LITTLE TIME FOR EVERYTHING.

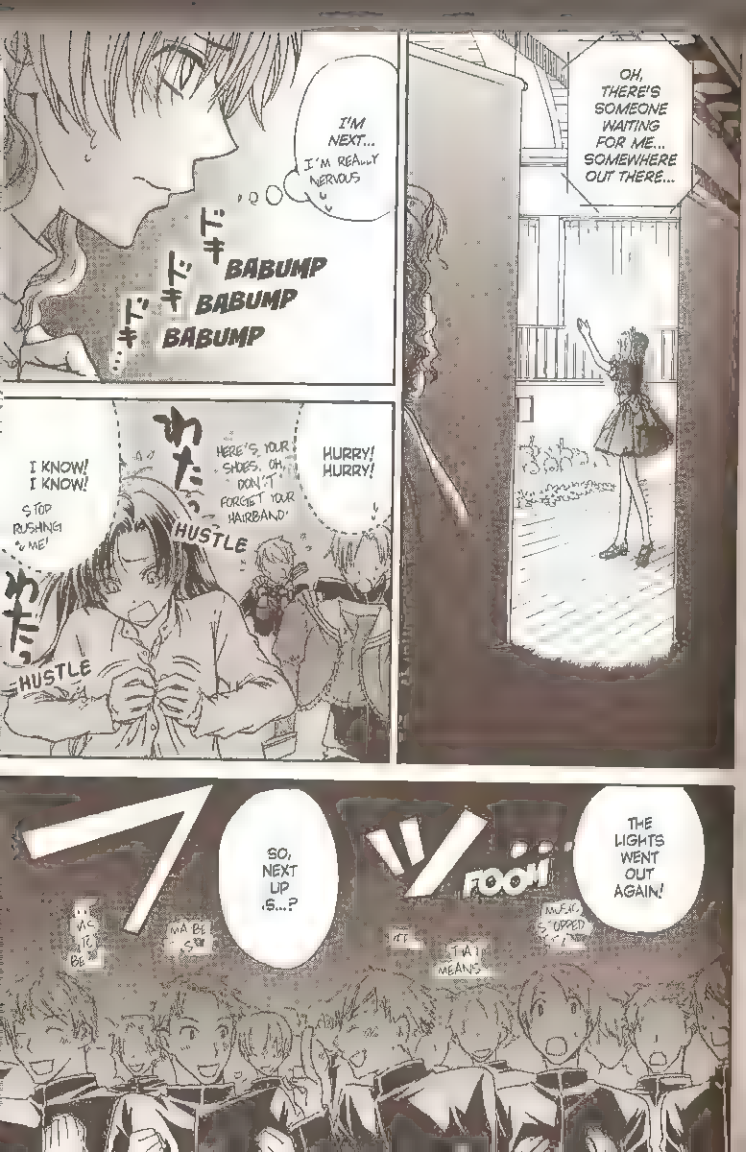
TO ANSWER YOUR EFFORTS...
WE'LL GIVE OUR PERFORMANCE *EVERYTHING* WE'VE GOT!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

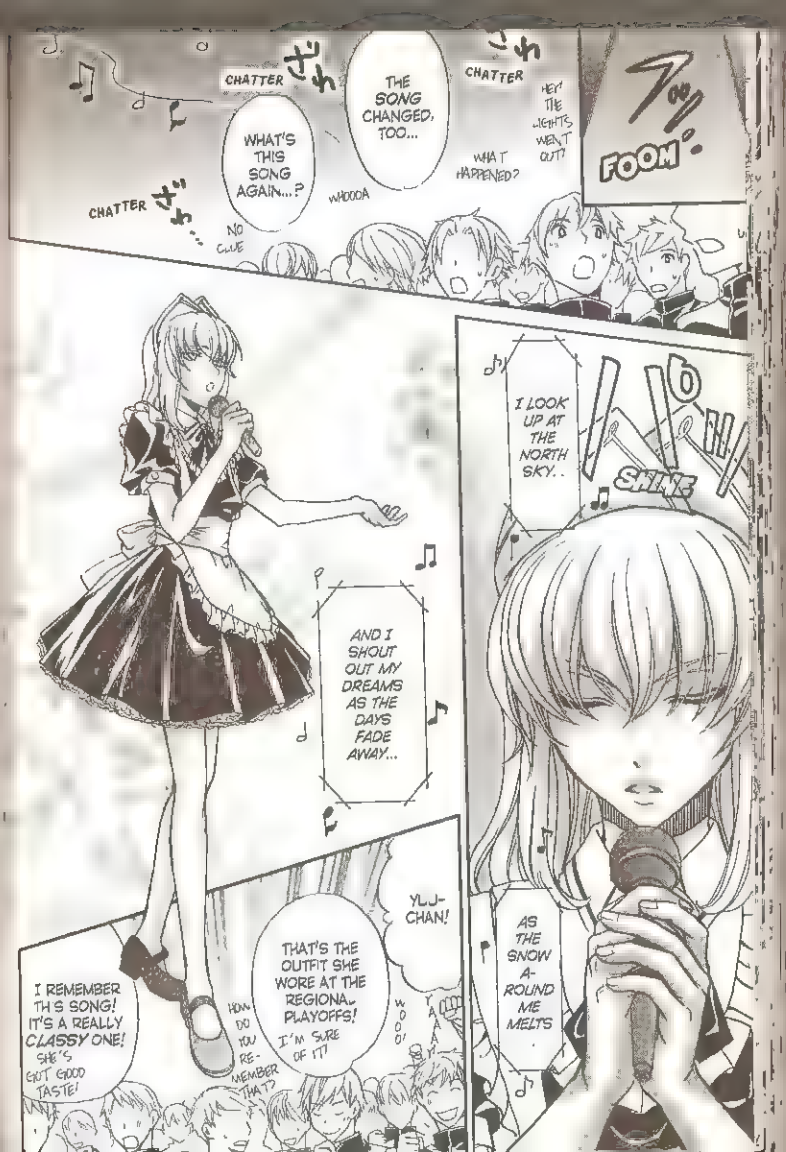

WE ONLY NEED TO BRING THE COSTUMES BACKSTAGE.
THANK YOU.

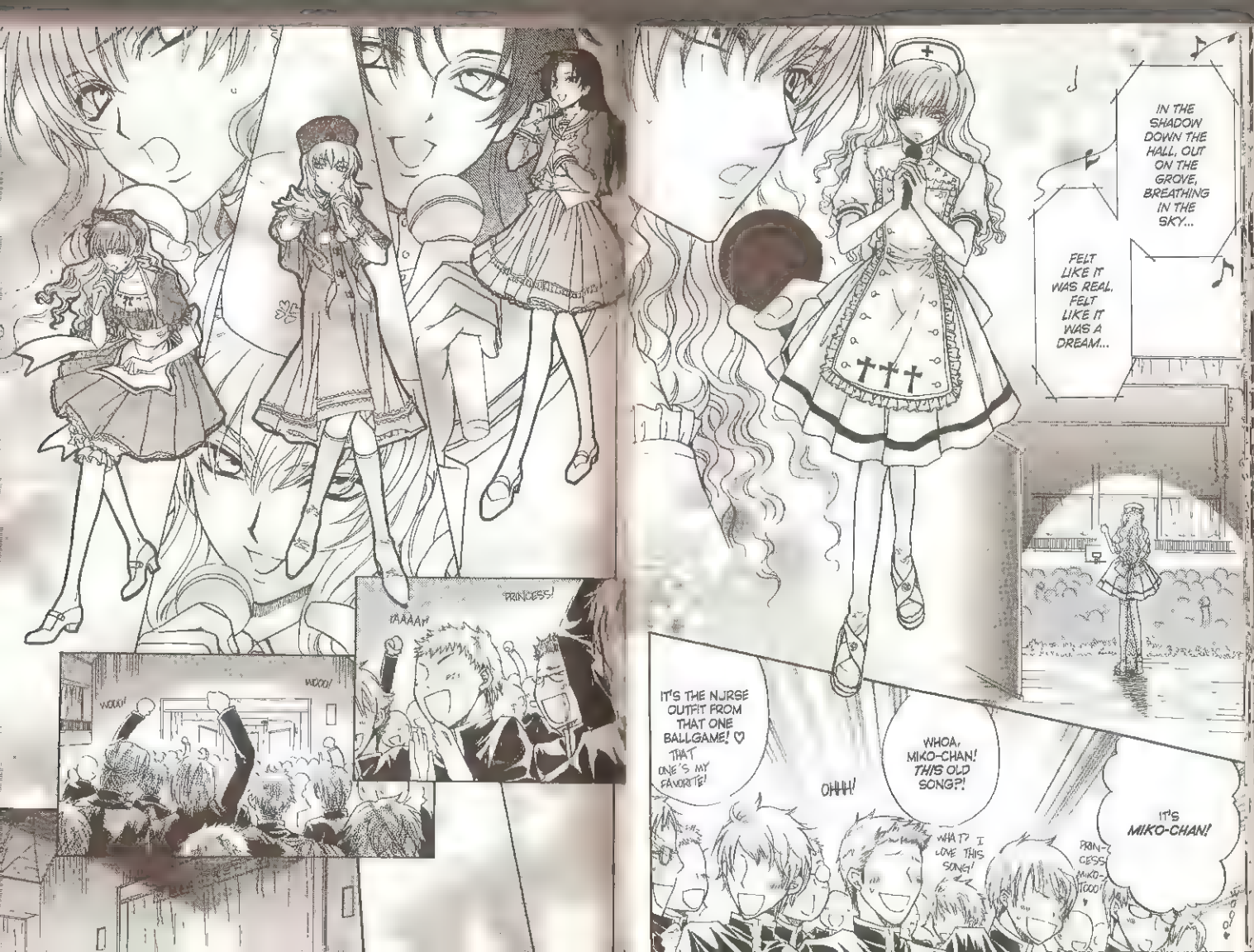
MICS, SLIDES, LIGHTING, MATERIALS -- EVERYTH NG'S BEEN CHECKED...
THE SET IS READY.
THEN ALL THAT'S LEFT... S THE SET --
TOUI...


WITH EVERYONE'S HELP, WE GOT IT A... READY -- THE REST IS UP TO YOU
WELL, PRIN-CESSES ...


AND NOW, WE PRESENT THE PRINCESS RETIREMENT CEREMONY!
ROOOAARR
BABABAB


I'M NEXT... I'M REALLY NERVOUS
BABUMP BABUMP BABUMP
OH, THERE'S SOMEONE WAITING FOR ME... SOMEWHERE OUT THERE...
I KNOW! I KNOW! STOP RUSHING ME!
HUSTLE
HERE'S YOUR SHOES. OH, DON'T FORGET YOUR HAIRBAND.
HURRY! HURRY!
SO, NEXT UP IS...?
FOOM
THE LIGHTS WENT OUT AGAIN!


CHATTER
WHAT'S THIS SONG AGAIN...?
NO CLUE
THE SONG CHANGED, TOO...
WHOOOA
WHAT HAPPENED?
HEY! THE LIGHTS WENT OUT?
FOOM
I LOOK UP AT THE NORTH SKY..
SHINE
AND I SHOUT OUT MY DREAMS AS THE DAYS FADE AWAY...
AS THE SNOW A-ROUND ME MELTS
YUJ-CHAN!
WOO!
THAT'S THE OUTFIT SHE WORE AT THE REGIONAL PLAYOFFS!
I'M SURE OF IT!
I REMEMBER THIS SONG! IT'S A REALLY CLASSY ONE! SHE'S GOT GOOD TASTE!
HOW DO YOU REMEMBER THAT?


IN THE SHADOW DOWN THE HALL, OUT ON THE GROVE, BREATHING IN THE SKY...
FELT LIKE IT WAS REAL. FELT LIKE IT WAS A DREAM...
IT'S THE NURSE OUTFIT FROM THAT ONE BALLGAME! ♡ THAT ONE'S MY FAVORITE!
OHHH!
WHOA, MIKO-CHAN! THIS OLD SONG?!
WHAT? I LOVE THIS SONG!
IT'S MIKO-CHAN!
PRIN-CESS MIKO-TOOO
PRINCESS!
WOOO!
WOOO!

OH, EVERY-ONE'S AN ENEMY. .
OH, CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE...
YEAH YEAH YEAH!
WOO!
THEY'RE ALL AIMING FOR THAT SPECIAL DESK!
THIS GUY, THAT GUY, EVERYONE HERE ..
RIGHT NEXT TO THE CUTEST GIRL IN SCHOOOL...
WON'T YOU TURN AND SMILE AT ME?
OF FATE...
OH GODDESS . .
EVEN JUST ONE LAST TIIIME!
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH
YEAH

AWWWWWWW!!!
NOW THE PRINCESSES WILL SING TOGETHER FOR THE LAST TIME.
EVERYONE PLEASE SING ALONG WITH THEM!
NOOOO!!
ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!
ALREADY?,
NO WAY...
THAT SUCKS
THE SONG IS "SCHOOL HEAVEN!"
BAAH NAAH DAAH DAHN DAHN DAHN
LET'S SING!
OH! I THINK I KNOW THIS ONE!!
OH, MAN -- THAT INTRO REALLY GETS ME PUMPED UP!
MAKES ME WANNA DANCE
YEAH!!
Are You Ready

STEP
LIKE THE NOTES IN A PHOTO ALBUM, WE HAVE SO MANY MEMORIES...
THE MEMORY OF A FAR-OFF DAY, UNDER AN INNOCENT SMILE...
WALK THE ROAD TO ADULTHOOD. YOU'RE STILL A CINDERELLA. I BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE OUT THERE WILL MAKE YOU TRULY HAPPY. .
ENCORE! WE WANT AN ENCORE!
SO THIS IS THEIR LAST TIME...
PRINCESSES
I GUESS SO. THEY HAVEN'T TOLD US IT'S THE END YET...
WAIT, THE BRASS BAND HASN'T STOPPED. DOES THAT MEAN THERE'S MORE?
SIGH
OH! THE MUSIC CHANGED!
RAISE
SHUU
HEEEY!
HEEEY!
HEEEY!
HEY
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CHEER
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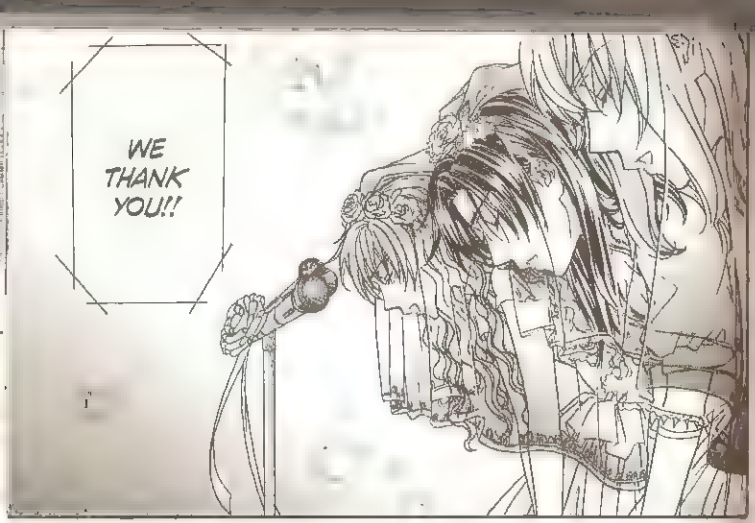
WE THANK YOU!!

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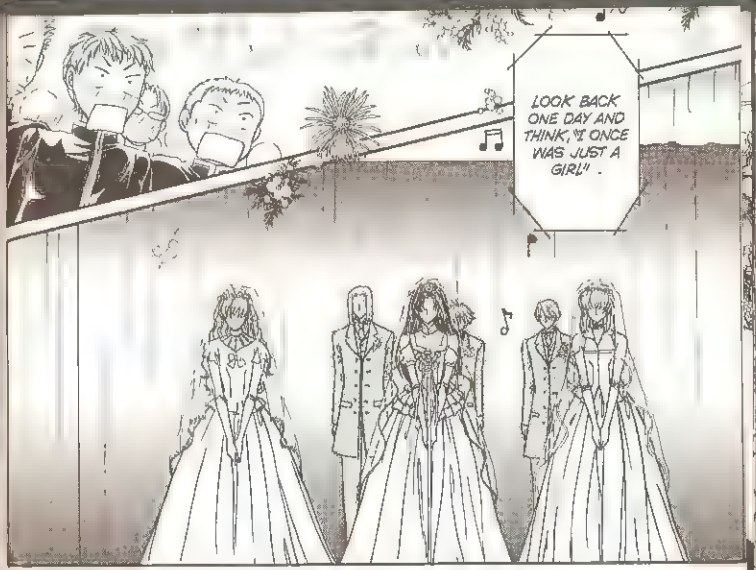
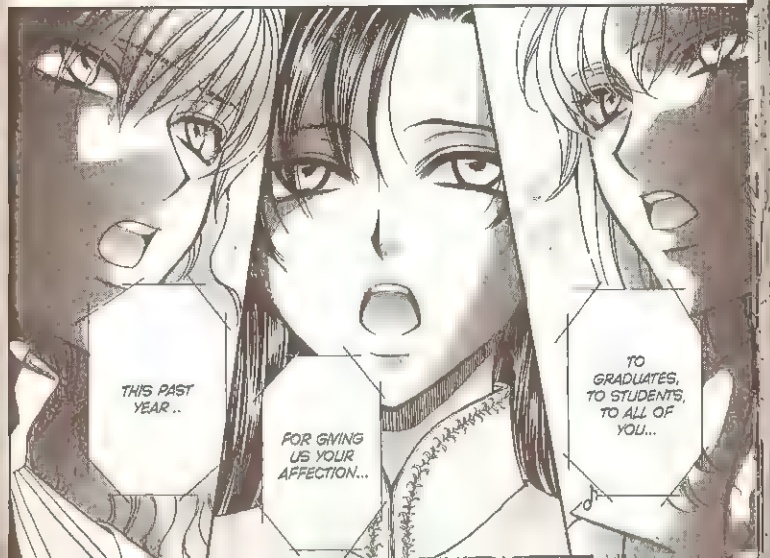
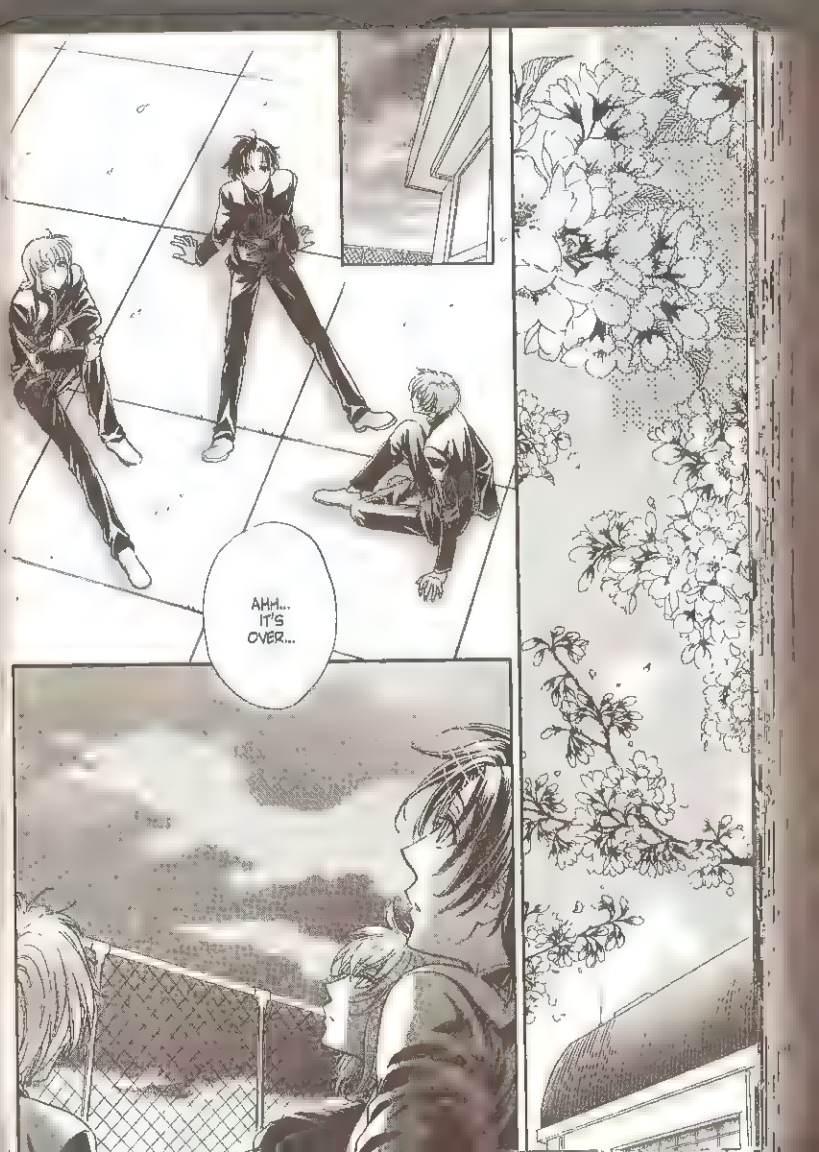
ROOOARRR

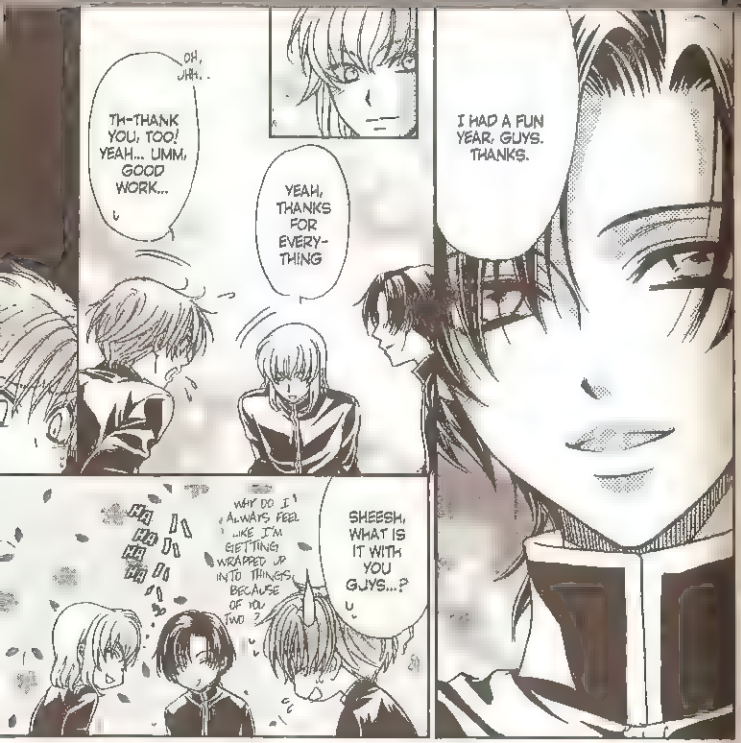
WEDDING DRESSES FOR THEIR FINAL APPEARANCE... AND ESCORTS, TOO...
THIS IS TOO MUCH... THE MUSIC... THEIR DRESSES... IT'S TOO PERFECT!
ぅHNNG!ぇ I'M CRYING MORE THAN I DID AT GRADUATION THIS MORN NG!

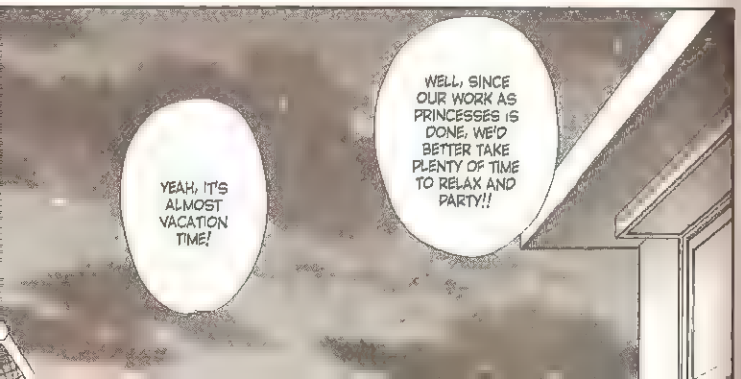

LOOK BACK ONE DAY AND THINK, "I ONCE WAS JUST A GIRL" .


THIS PAST YEAR ..
FOR GIVING US YOUR AFFECTION...
TO GRADUATES, TO STUDENTS, TO ALL OF YOU...

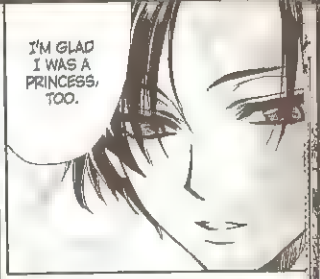
WELL... I CAN'T SAY I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT...
BUT...
YOU'VE BEEN RE-LEASED FROM YOUR PRISON!
WH --
I BET YOU'RE ECSTATIC... RIGHT, MIKOTO?
IT'S A LITTLE... SAD...
NOW I'M ACTUALLY... GLAD THAT I WAS A PRINCESS.
I STILL DON'T LIKE "CROSS" DRESSING, THOUGH.
AT FIRST I THOUGHT, "AWW WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THIS"...?
BUT WHEN I LOOK BACK ON IT NOW, I CAN'T HELP BUT REMEMBER IT AS BEING... FUN.
WE WERE PART OF A LOT OF EVENTS AS PRINCESSES...

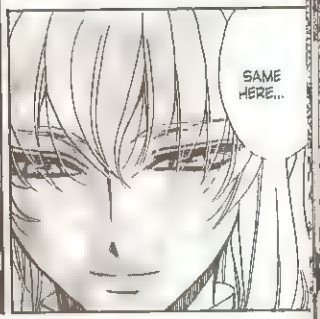

AHH... IT'S OVER...

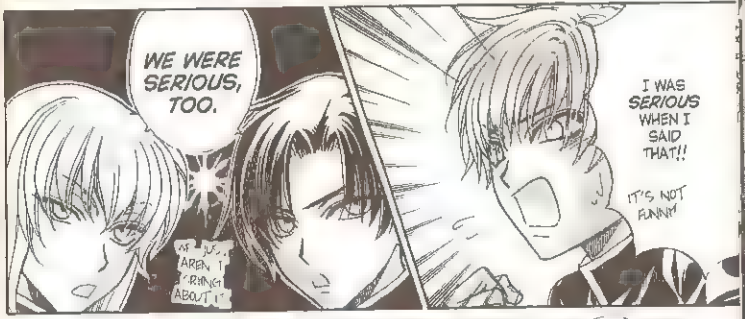

OH, JAH..
TH-THANK YOU, TOO! YEAH... UMM, GOOD WORK...
YEAH, THANKS FOR EVERY-THING
I HAD A FUN YEAR, GUYS. THANKS.
HA HA HA HA!
WHY DO I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING WRAPPED UP INTO THINGS BECAUSE OF YOU TWO?
SHEESH, WHAT IS IT WITH YOU GUYS...?

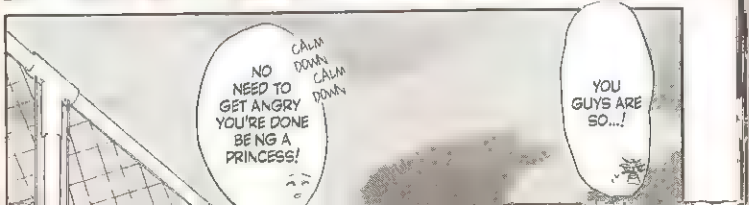

YEAH, IT'S ALMOST VACATION TIME!
WELL, SINCE OUR WORK AS PRINCESSES IS DONE, WE'D BETTER TAKE PLENTY OF TIME TO RELAX AND PARTY!!

H-HEY! COME ON, GUYS!!
ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF ALL THE GREAT BENEFITS WE GOT!

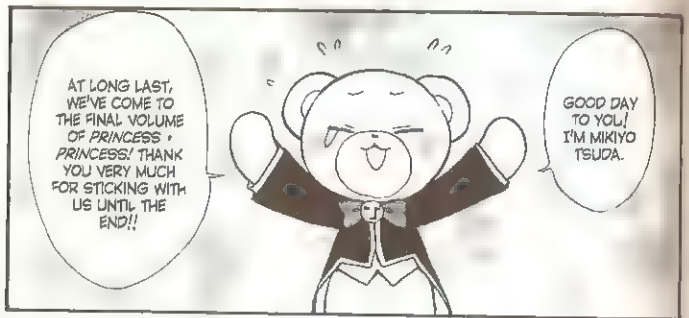

I'M GLAD I WAS A PRINCESS, TOO.

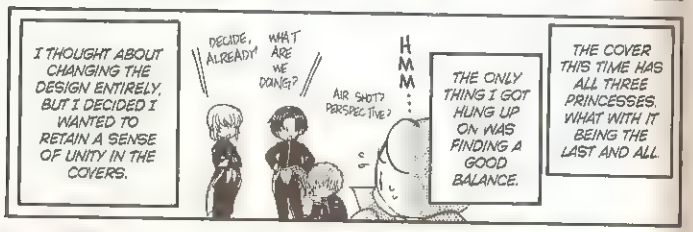

SAME HERE...

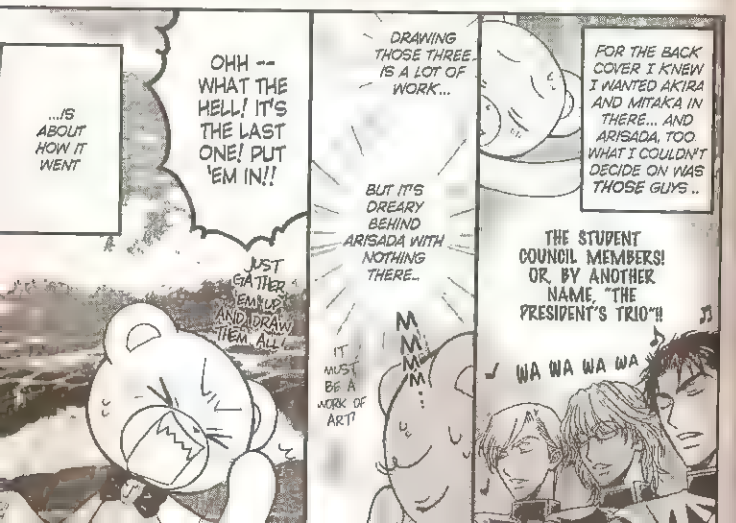

WE WERE SERIOUS, TOO.
AS JU... AREN'T THINKING ABOUT!
I WAS SERIOUS WHEN I SAID THAT!!
IT'S NOT FUNNY


NO NEED TO GET ANGRY YOU'RE DONE BE NG A PRINCESS!
CALM DOWN CALM DOWN
YOU GUYS ARE SO...!

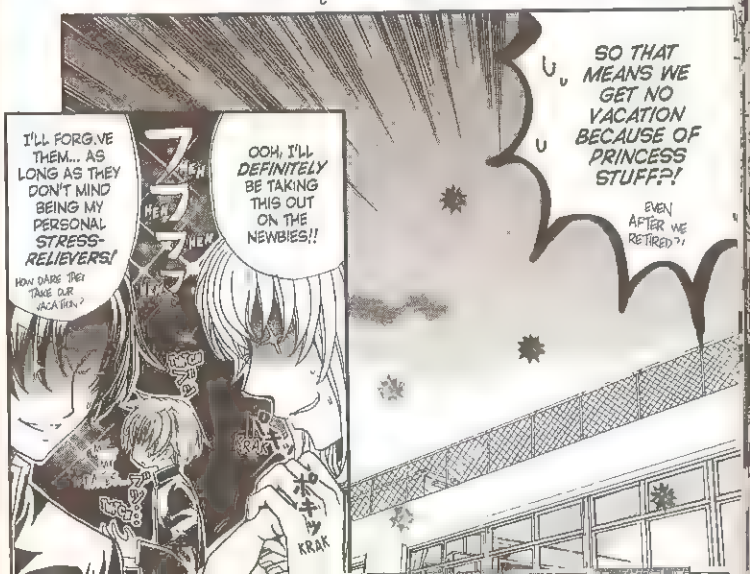
AFTERWORD

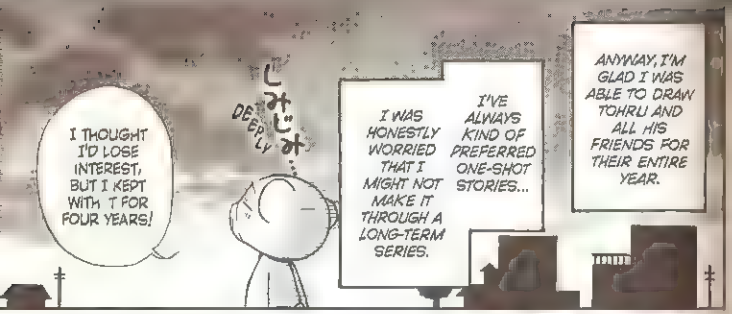

AT LONG LAST, WE'VE COME TO THE FINAL VOLUME OF PRINCESS × PRINCESS! THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR STICKING WITH US UNTIL THE END!!
GOOD DAY TO YOU! I'M MIKIYO TSUDA.

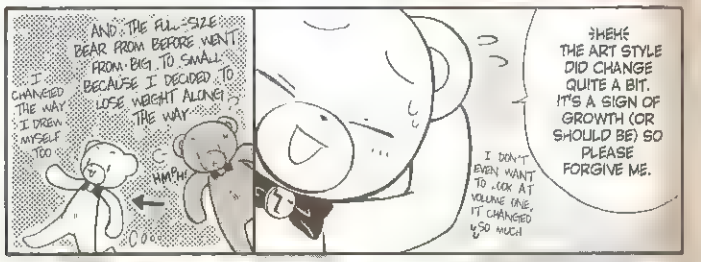

I THOUGHT ABOUT CHANGING THE DESIGN ENTIRELY, BUT I DECIDED I WANTED TO RETAIN A SENSE OF UNITY IN THE COVERS.
DECIDE, ALREADY!
WHAT ARE WE DOING?
AIR SHOT? PERSPECTIVE?
HMM...
THE ONLY THING I GOT HUNG UP ON WAS FINDING A GOOD BALANCE.
THE COVER THIS TIME HAS ALL THREE PRINCESSES. WHAT WITH IT BEING THE LAST AND ALL.

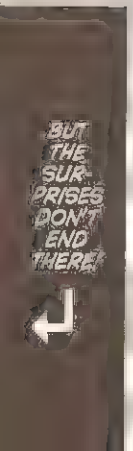

...IS ABOUT HOW IT WENT
OHH -- WHAT THE HELL! IT'S THE LAST ONE! PUT 'EM IN!!
JUST GATHER 'EM UP AND DRAW THEM ALL...
DRAWING THOSE THREE IS A LOT OF WORK...
BUT IT'S DREARY BEHIND ARISADA WITH NOTHING THERE..
MMM...
IT MUST BE A WORK OF ART!
FOR THE BACK COVER I KNEW I WANTED AKIRA AND MITAKA IN THERE... AND ARISADA, TOO. WHAT I COULDN'T DECIDE ON WAS THOSE GUYS..
THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS! OR, BY ANOTHER NAME, "THE PRESIDENT'S TRIO"!!
WA WA WA WA

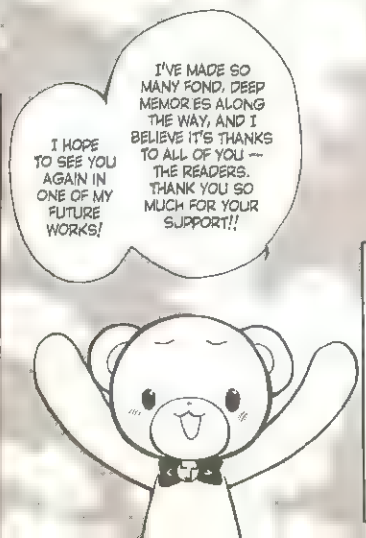
DIDN'T THEY SAY THEY'D BE TRAINING THE NEW PRINCESSES OVER VACATION...? AND THAT THEY'D BE "COUNTING ON US"?
HEY...
I THINK AKIRA EXPECTS US TO HELP
VACATION ... WAIT
HUH?
YOU'RE RIGHT... THEY DO
YEAH.


I'LL FORGIVE THEM... AS LONG AS THEY DON'T MIND BEING MY PERSONAL STRESS-RELIEVERS!
HOW DARE THEY TAKE OUR VACATION?
OOH, I'LL DEFINITELY BE TAKING THIS OUT ON THE NEWBIES!!
KRAK
SO THAT MEANS WE GET NO VACATION BECAUSE OF PRINCESS STUFF?!
EVEN AFTER WE RETIRED?!


I THOUGHT I'D LOSE INTEREST, BUT I KEPT WITH T FOR FOUR YEARS!
DEEPLY...
I WAS HONESTLY WORRIED THAT I MIGHT NOT MAKE IT THROUGH A LONG-TERM SERIES.
I'VE ALWAYS KIND OF PREFERRED ONE-SHOT STORIES...
ANYWAY, I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO DRAW TOHRU AND ALL HIS FRIENDS FOR THEIR ENTIRE YEAR.


I CHANGED THE WAY I DREW MYSELF TOO
AND THE FULL-SIZE BEAR FROM BEFORE WENT FROM BIG TO SMALL BECAUSE I DECIDED TO LOSE WEIGHT ALONG THE WAY.
HMPH
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO LOOK AT VOLUME ONE, IT CHANGED SO MUCH
HEHE THE ART STYLE DID CHANGE QUITE A BIT. IT'S A SIGN OF GROWTH (OR SHOULD BE) SO PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

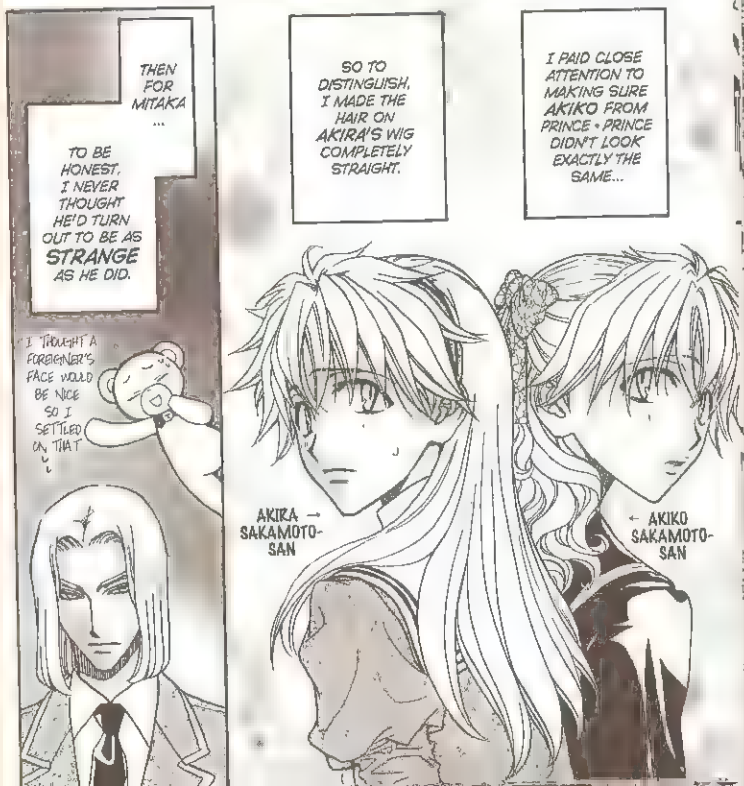


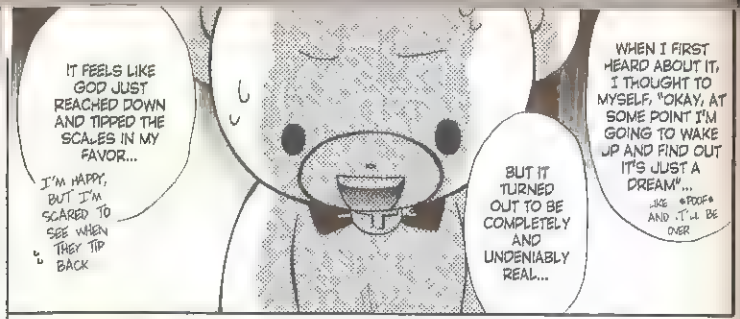

I'VE MADE SO MANY FOND, DEEP MEMORIES ALONG THE WAY, AND I BELIEVE IT'S THANKS TO ALL OF YOU — THE READERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!
I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN IN ONE OF MY FUTURE WORKS!

PRINCESS • PRINCESS BROUGHT WITH IT A LOT OF SURPRISES.

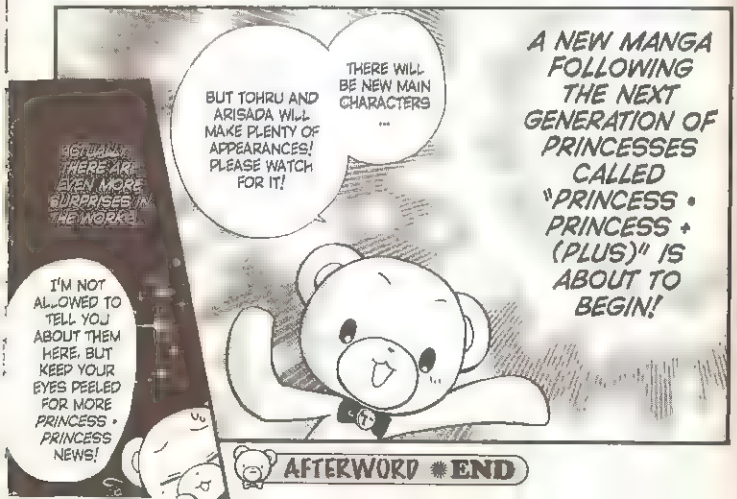
I USED CHARACTERS FROM MY OTHER BOOKS (THANKS FOR YOUR HELP GETTING THEM REPRINTED!). ATTRACTING A NUMBER OF MALE READERS WAS A BIG SURPRISE. I ALSO NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO DESIGN THE PRINCESSES' OUTFITS (I'M CERTAINLY NO FASHION DESIGNER).

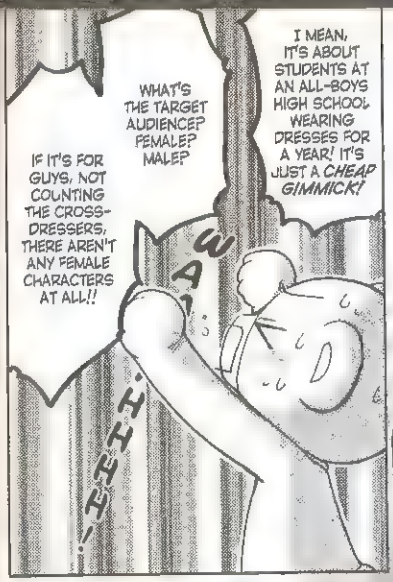
IT'S WHAT THE READERS WANT PUT IT ON.
EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT A PRINCESS?
I HAVE TO WEAR ONE, TOO?!
AH...
SO IT WAS PRETTY MUCH SETTLED THAT WE WOULD PUT IT IN.
IN THE THIRD VOLUME, WE CONDUCTED A POLL TO SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE WANTED TO SEE THAT...
PROBABLY THIS VOLUME'S BIGGEST HIGHLIGHT WAS AKIRA IN THE DRESS.
NOT TO OUTDO THE OTHERS. (HA HA)


THEN FOR MITAKA ...
TO BE HONEST, I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D TURN OUT TO BE AS STRANGE AS HE DID.
I THOUGHT A FOREIGNER'S FACE WOULD BE NICE SO I SETTLED ON THAT
SO TO DISTINGUISH, I MADE THE HAIR ON AKIRA'S WIG COMPLETELY STRAIGHT.
I PAID CLOSE ATTENTION TO MAKING SURE AKIKO FROM PRINCE • PRINCE DIDN'T LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME...
AKIRA → SAKAMOTO-SAN
← AKIKO SAKAMOTO-SAN

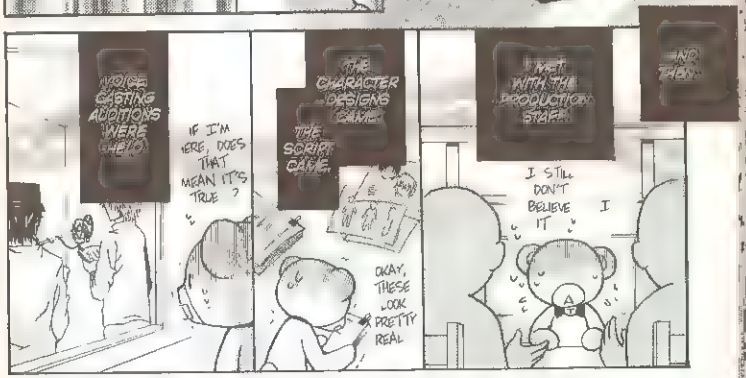

IT FEELS LIKE GOD JUST REACHED DOWN AND TIPPED THE SCALES IN MY FAVOR...
I'M HAPPY, BUT I'M SCARED TO SEE WHEN THEY TIP BACK
BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE COMPLETELY AND UNDENIABLY REAL...
WHEN I FIRST HEARD ABOUT IT, I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, "OKAY, AT SOME POINT I'M GOING TO WAKE UP AND FIND OUT IT'S JUST A DREAM"...
...LIKE *POOF* AND IT'LL BE OVER

THE SURPRISES DON'T END THERE!
DIRECTOR: KEITARO MOTONAGA
SCRIPT: AKEMI OMODE
CHARACTER DESIGN: ATSUKO NAKAJIMA
ANIMATION PRODUCTION: STUDIO DEEN
CAST
TOHRU KOUNO / JUN FUKUYAMA
YUUJIROU SHINOUDANI / KOMI PAKU
MIKOTO YUTAKA / TETSUYA KAKIHARA
AKIRA SAKAMOTO / SOUICHIRO HOSHI
THERE'S ORIGINAL CONTENT TO ENJOY THAT YOU WON'T FIND IN THE MANGA!
AT ANY RATE, PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE STAFF BEHIND THE ANIME.


A NEW MANGA FOLLOWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PRINCESSES CALLED "PRINCESS • PRINCESS + (PLUS)" IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
BUT TOHRU AND ARISADA WILL MAKE PLENTY OF APPEARANCES! PLEASE WATCH FOR IT!
THERE WILL BE NEW MAIN CHARACTERS ...
AFTERWORD • END
OH YEAH! THERE ARE EVEN MORE SURPRISES IN THE WORKS!
I'M NOT ALLOWED TO TELL YOU ABOUT THEM HERE, BUT KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR MORE PRINCESS • PRINCESS NEWS!


I MEAN, IT'S ABOUT STUDENTS AT AN ALL-BOYS HIGH SCHOOL WEARING DRESSES FOR A YEAR! IT'S JUST A CHEAP GIMMICK!
WHAT'S THE TARGET AUDIENCE? FEMALE? MALE?
IF IT'S FOR GUYS, NOT COUNTING THE CROSS-DRESSERS, THERE AREN'T ANY FEMALE CHARACTERS AT ALL!!
HHH-AWD

THEY'RE MAKING PRINCESS • PRINCESS INTO AN ANIME!!
I-I CAN'T BE-LIEVE IT...
THERE'S SO MUCH MANGA IN THE WORLD... WHY M.NE?
HAS THERE BEEN SOME M.STAKE?

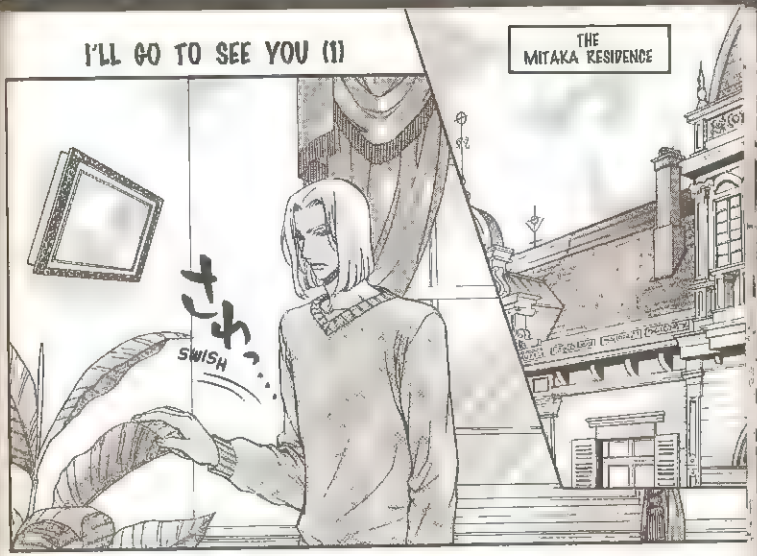

VOICE CASTING AUDITIONS WERE HELD
IF I'M HERE, DOES THAT MEAN IT'S TRUE?
THE CHARACTER DESIGNS CAME
THE SCRIPT CAME.
OKAY, THESE LOOK PRETTY REAL
MET WITH THE PRODUCTION STAFF.
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT
AND THEN...

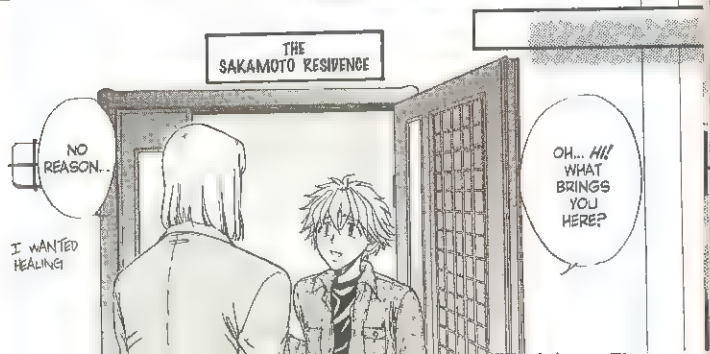
IT'S TRUE!!
AAHHH!
TSUDA-SENSEI! WE'LL BE ANNOUNCING THE ANIME IN THE DECEMBER VOLUME OF WINGS!!

—DAYS NEVER-CHANGING—
YOU'RE QUITE WRONG, I'M AFRAID! I'VE GOT PLENTY OF CANDIDATES WA TING TO BE MY SUBORDINATES!
A FORMER PRINCESS IS NOT ELEGANT ?!
WITHOUT YOUR CRONIES, YOU CAN'T DO AS YOU PLEASE ANY ..ONGER!
ARE YOU LONELY NOW THAT YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR HENCHMEN TO KEEP YOU COMPANY?
SHIK
WHISPER
WHISPER
THAT GUY'S GOT A LOT OF HENCHMEN, BUT NOT A SINGLE FRIEND.
AND ON TOP OF THAT, HE DOESN'T FIND IT THE LEAST BIT SAD.
WHISPER

EPILOGUE - LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDS -
ARISADA!!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.
JUNIOR
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY TOP PRIORITY, ARISADA! NO MATTER WHAT ELSE THERE MAY BE!
IF I CAN EVER BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL UPON ME AS YOU ALWAYS HAVE!
ARISADA! EVEN THOUGH WE MAY PART WAYS, MY HEART IS ALWAYS WITH YOU!
SNIFF
SENIORS

I'LL GO TO SEE YOU (1)





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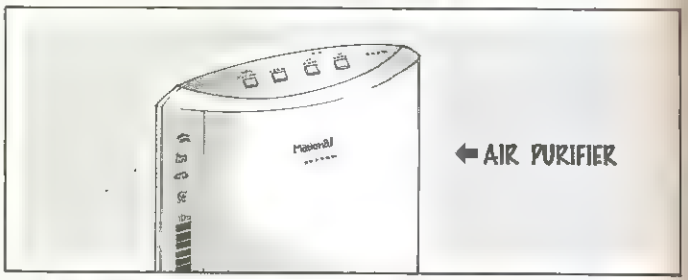
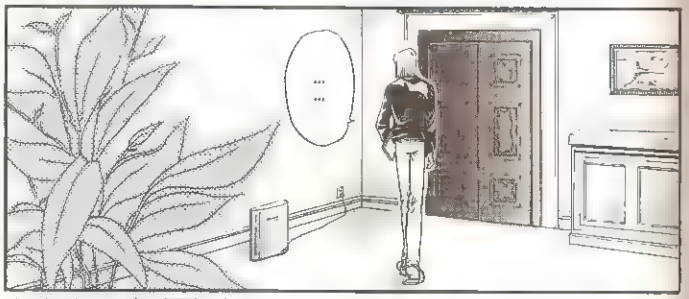
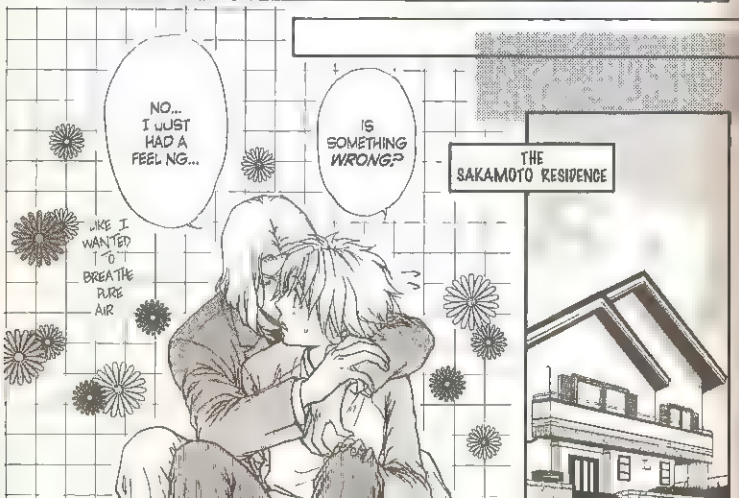
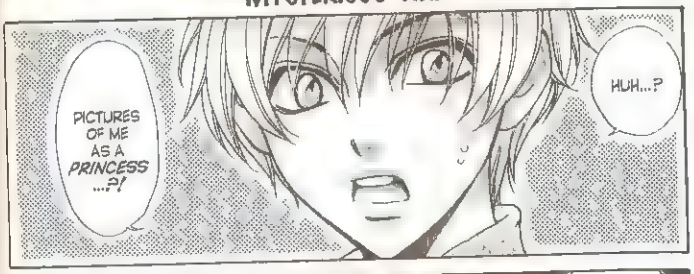
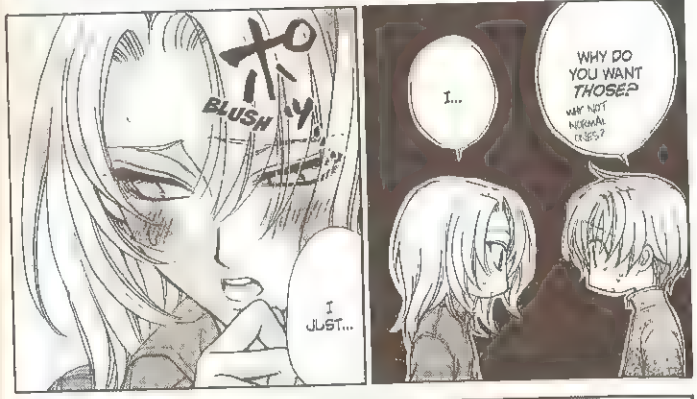


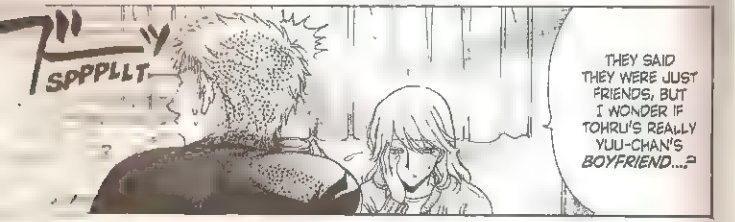





PICTURES OF ME AS A PRINCESS ...?!
HUH...?


BLUSH
I JUST...
I...
WHY DO YOU WANT THOSE?
WHY NOT NORMAL DOLLS?

WHY DO I HAVE TO HAVE A REASON? I JUST WANT THEM, THAT'S ALL!
プイッ TURN
THOUGH IT IS CUTE
WHAT?! WHY ARE YOU GETTING ALL SHY ABOUT IT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND, MEGUMI-SAN!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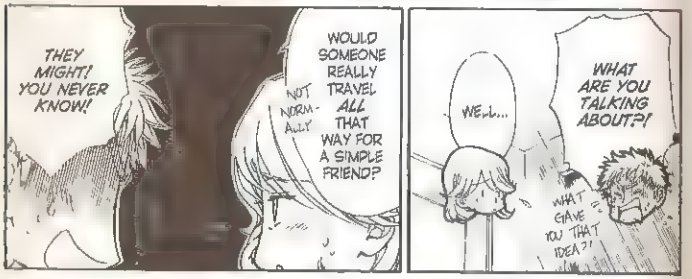
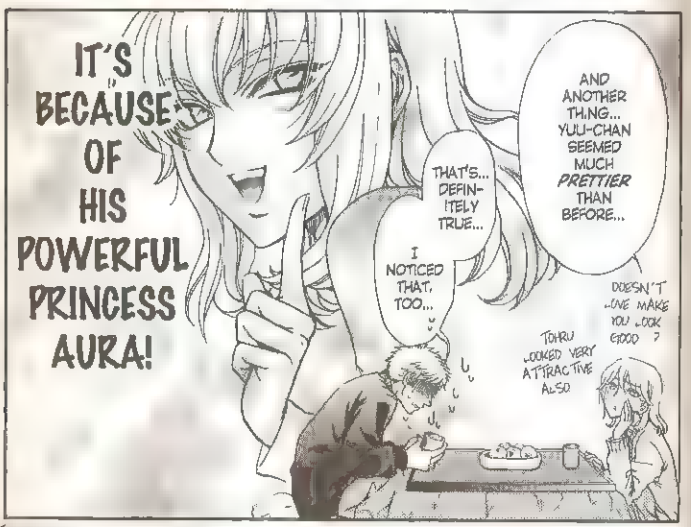
THEY SAID THEY WERE JUST FRIENDS, BUT I WONDER IF TOHRU'S REALLY YUU-CHAN'S BOYFRIEND...?


THEY MIGHT! YOU NEVER KNOW!
NOT NORMALLY
WOULD SOMEONE REALLY TRAVEL ALL THAT WAY FOR A SIMPLE FRIEND?
WELL...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
WHAT GAVE YOU THAT IDEA?!


IT'S BECAUSE OF HIS POWERFUL PRINCESS AURA!
AND ANOTHER THING... YUU-CHAN SEEMED MUCH PRETTIER THAN BEFORE...
THAT'S... DEFINITELY TRUE...
I NOTICED THAT, TOO...
DOESN'T LOVE MAKE YOU LOOK GOOD?
TOHRU LOOKED VERY ATTRACTIVE ALSO

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4-PANEL COMIC THEATRE

TSUDA-BEAR

DENTIST DIARY ①

YOU'VE GOT A CAVITY FORMING ON ONE OF YOUR WISDOM TEETH. YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY HAVE IT PULLED.
IN EARLY SUMMER, I STARTED GOING TO THE DENTIST.
YOU MIGHT GET A FEVER TOO, SO BE PREPARED.
WHEN DO YOU WANT IT DONE?
THOUGH, IF YOU HAVE IT PULLED, YOU'LL BE SWOLLEN FOR ABOUT A WEEK.
WHAT?!
IT'S GONNA BE THAT BAD?!
THERE'S THAT EVENT IN OSAKA... AND AFTER THAT WOULD BE EVEN WORSE!
WAIT!
I'VE GOTTA WRITE THE SUMMER COMICS SOON... IT'LL HAVE TO BE AFTER THAT.
I'D HAD ONE OF MY UPPER WISDOM TEETH PULLED A FEW YEARS AGO, AND DIDN'T REMEMBER IT BEING THAT BAD, SO I DIDN'T KNOW IF I SHOULD BELIEVE HER OR NOT.
AND IT CAN'T BE DURING MY DEADLINES, FOR SURE...
SPIN
SPIN
SO, AFTER COMPARING SCHEDULES, I MANAGED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR ONE MONTH LATER.
JUST BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO HELP, BUT CAN'T SAY YES...
IF WE DON'T DO IT WITHIN A MONTH, I WON'T EVER HAVE TIME TO DO IT... I'M SORRY!

DENTIST DIARY ②

WHAT?!
JUST LIKE THAT?!
IF IT GETS BAD, TAKE A SUPPOSITORY.
TAKE THIS MEDICINE WHEN YOU GET HOME, OR YOU'LL BE IN A LOT OF PAIN.
I HAD MY TOOTH PULLED AT THE END OF SUMMER.
CRASHED ON THE SOFA
I HAVE NO ENERGY...
:NN-NG...
IT HURRTS
JUST LIKE SHE SAID, WHEN I GOT HOME, IT STARTED TO HURT, I GOT A FEVER, AND IT STARTED TO SWELL A LOT.
AGAIN, JUST LIKE SHE SAID, THE SWELLING LASTED FOR A FULL WEEK.
:AHH...
ONE OF THESE COOLING PADS SHOULD HELP...
I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, "TWENTY YEARS OLD OR NOT, I HOPE SHE DIDN'T REMOVE SOMEONE'S PERFECTLY GOOD TEETH...."
IT'S ACTUALLY BEST TO HAVE WISDOM TEETH REMOVED BEFORE YOU'RE TWENTY YEARS OLD -- EVEN IF THEY'RE OKAY.
OHH...
THAT DOESN'T HELP ME NOW...
YOUR TEETH WILL LOOK NICER!

DENTIST DIARY ③

SO I MADE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THEN...
I'M EXTREMELY BUSY WITH WORK, SO THE SOONEST I CAN HAVE IT REMOVED IS TWO MONTHS FROM NOW!!
I HAD ONE MORE WISDOM TOOTH TO REMOVE...
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
THE OPERATION TOOK TWO HOURS LONGER THAN THE LAST TIME.
AND TWO MONTHS LATER...
BLUNT
THIS TOOTH WAS MORE FIRMLY STUCK TO THE BONE, SO IT WAS MUCH HARDER TO YANK OUT.
YES, IT WAS!
WAS IT LONGER... FOR SOME REASON?
UM... EXCUSE ME...
TIME-WISE...
I DID AS SHE INSTRUCTED ... AND FIVE MORE TIMES AFTER THAT.
WHAAT?!
CAREFUL, YOUR LIPS WILL SWELL, TOO!
STOP, YOU'RE SCARING ME!
OW! OW! OW!
SPLUT
YOU'LL BE IN TOO MUCH PAIN TO SLEEP IF YOU DON'T.
BY THE WAY, THE SWELLING WILL BE MUCH WORSE THIS TIME, SO USE A SUPPOSITORY BEFORE YOU GO TO BED.

MEETING
HERE, AS ALWAYS, IS EIKI EIKI.
SINCE I'M HER MANAGER!
AND I BROUGHT HER ALONE!
WE WENT TO A MEETING ABOUT THE PRINCESS PRINCESS ANIME...
WOW. IT'S TRUE! YOU TWO LOOK SO SIMILAR!
WHEN THE MEETING WAS OVER, A MAN FROM THE PRODUCTION STAFF CAME OVER TO TALK TO US.
EIKI
TSUDA
IT ONLY FURTHER PROVED THAT WE REALLY DO LOOK ALIKE.
DOESN'T IT...?
"IT'S TRUE"? DOES THAT MEAN HE READS THE 4-PANEL COMICS?
BODY CRISIS AVERTED... FOR NOW
WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED THAT...?
HMM...
THE CAUSE REMAINS A MYSTERY ...
ABOUT ONE WEEK LATER, AFTER USING THE MEDICINE I WAS GIVEN, MY SYMPTOMS STOPPED.
IS THOSE SCENES YOU SEE A LOT IN BL, WHERE SOMEONE HAS A LOVE GEL RUBBED ON THEM AND THEY'RE WRITHING...
ONE THING I THINK I UNDERSTAND...
OHH... I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER... PLEASE... GIVE IT TO ME!
EXCEPT MINE WAS LIKE, "WHATEVER, I DON'T CARE WHAT IT IS, JUST GET RID OF THE ITCH!"
I THINK I TRULY UNDERSTAND HOW AN "UKE" WOULD FEEL IN THAT SITUATION. (HAHA)
IF ANYONE OUT THERE KNOWS WHAT IT WAS, PLEASE TELL ME!
IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW, BUT I'M CURIOUS.
THE DOCTOR I SAW TOLD ME THAT SOME MEDICINES CAN THROW OFF YOUR HORMONE BALANCE.
IF I WERE TO GUESS THE CAUSE ...
I'D SAY IT WAS PROBABLY THE STOMACH MEDICINE THEY GAVE ME AT THE DENTIST.
A WORRYSOME BODILY CONDITION
MY POOP WAS A SORT OF PINKISH RED COLOR -- KIND OF LIKE MEDIUM-RARE STEAK.
SORRY TO BE SO GROSS?
AFTER I HAD MY FIRST TOOTH REMOVED, I NOTICED SOMETHING...
IS IT MY INTESTINES...? OR MUCUS OR SOMETHING...? I FEEL FINE...
HUH? WHAT IS THAT? IS THAT MY POOP?
TEEMILE
OH, NO! WHAT COULD IT BE??
INTERNAL MEDICINE? I GUESS SO... IT'S DIGESTIVE STUFF.
WHAT KIND OF DOCTOR DO I GO TO ABOUT POO...?
SHUFFLE
THEN I GOT A REALLY BAD ITCH DOWN THERE, AND THAT WORRIED ME, SO I DECIDED TO SEE A DOCTOR ABOUT IT.
WITHOUT FINDING THE CAUSE, AND WITH THE ITCHINESS HAVING STOPPED, I JUST GOT SOME MEDICINE AND WENT HOME.
LOOKS FINE... THERE'S NO SWELLING, NO BRUISING... NOTHING OF THE SORT.
HMM...
TAKES OFF UNDERWEAR, LAY DOWN TOWEL. EXPLORE.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
THE DOCTOR LOOKED AT MY BUTT WITH AN ENDOSCOPE...
AT THE VOICE-OVER STUDIO
AROUND THE TIME I HAD MY SECOND WISDOM TOOTH PULLED, THERE WAS A DRAMA CD RECORDING SESSION...
IT'D BEEN FOUR DAYS, AND THE SWELLING HADN'T GONE DOWN AT ALL, SO I SHOWED UP WITH A COOLING PAD ON MY FACE.
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SCARED.
I COULD ONLY NOD, AND MY FACE WAS SWOLLEN AND CONTORTED FROM THE PAIN.
THE VOICE ACTORS WHO CAME UP TO GREET ME WERE PROBABLY PRETTY SCARED...
I HAD TO DIRECT THE ACTORS TO DO THINGS, BUT I COULDN'T OPEN THE LEFT SIDE OF MY MOUTH, SO IT DIDN'T GO VERY WELL. IT WAS PRETTY FRUSTRATING.
WWWOWWW
UM... HERE, I W--
MY TIME AT THE VOICE-OVER STUDIO WAS FUN, BUT PAINFUL.
STOP MAKING ME LAUGH! IT HURTS!
A HA HA...
OW OW...
WORKING WITH VOICE-ACTORS IS REALLY FUN, BUT IT HURT TO OPEN MY MOUTH AND LAUGH...

THE DAY OF REVOLUTION

MIKIYO TSUDA

♂ Male...

Or Female...? ♀

What's a gender-confused kid supposed to do?

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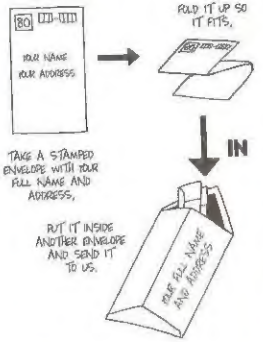
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YOUR ADDRESS
FOLD IT UP SO IT FITS.
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PUT IT INSIDE ANOTHER ENVELOPE AND SEND IT TO US.
YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS

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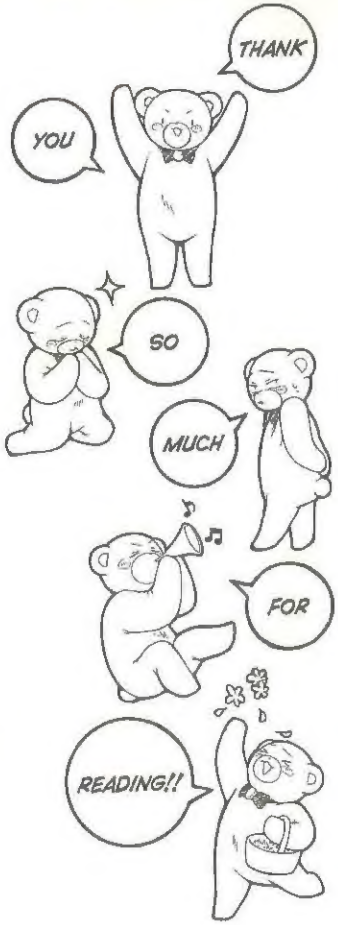

THERE ARE CHANGES.
SIGH
WE MOVE UP A GRADE, BUT WE'RE STILL PRINCES... SO NOTHING WILL ACTUALLY CHANGE...
!!
IT'S DIFFERENT FOR EACH CASE!
NOTIFYING AND EDUCATING NEXT YEAR'S PRINCES.
REALLY? LIKE WHAT?!
WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. IT'S THE TRADITION OF PRINCES PASSED ON FOR GENERATIONS.
I DON'T NEED THOSE KINDS OF CHANGES!
!!
THAT MEANS OUR WORKLOAD WILL GET HEAVIER AND THINGS WILL ONLY GET WORSE!!
PRINCE DUTIES AND TUTORING OTHER PRINCES? THAT'S TWO FULL JOBS!
AHH... ONCE A PRINCE... ALWAYS A PRINCE.
FIN